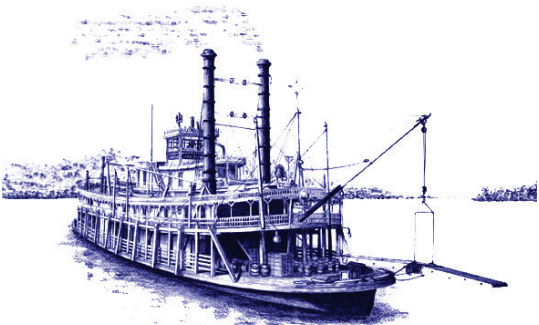




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MCS holds hearing on potential Early Learning Center

Next hearing set for 6 p.m. on April 16

BY BOB DEMAREE
A preliminary determination hearing for bonds up to \$28 million for an Early Learning Center for Madison Consolidated Schools was held during Wednesday’s meeting of the

school board, another step towards developing a facility on the grounds of the former E.O. Muncie Elementary School. Kristin McClellan, bond counsel from Ice Miller, said the hearing is required by Indiana whenever “a school corporation proposes to spend a certain amount of money on a project, you must first hold

two preliminary determination hearings” with Wednesday’s meeting being the first of the two. The next hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 16. “It does not force you to issue bonds to do the project, or anything like that. It is truly a time for the public to hear about the project and the max-

imum cost,” she said, adding there will be resolutions to consider after the April 16 hearing and even more steps will be necessary after that. Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown talked about the need for a comprehensive early learning center, and that a lack of quality childcare is “a community crisis” that is not being

served. She said the proposed childcare facility will provide 23 classroom spaces for children from birth to 5 years. “It will consolidate our successful pre-school model currently serving 182 children in 13 classrooms, expanding access to high quality care for youngest ones.”

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A pickup truck drives through Ohio River flood waters on U.S. 421 in downtown Milton early Wednesday morning. The river had crested overnight at 458.62 feet resulting in dozens of road closures and evacuations, but the Milton-Madison Bridge managed to remain open although traffic was reduced to one lane with an alternating signal use to control movement.

458.62 FEET!

Flood waters crested Wednesday, began slow drop for cleanup

BY BOB DEMAREE
Flood waters were gradually starting to come down Thursday — after the Ohio River at Madison crested at 458.62 feet at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday — but still not enough to reopen most flood covered roads in the Courierarea as the level had fallen just two feet to 456.7 by Thursday afternoon. The flood crest ranks 12th among historic crests at the National Water Prediction Service Clifty Creek weather station and was the highest since the 1997 flood that crested at 460.9, and higher than the 2018 flood that crested at 457.3 feet. “As the water recedes we will begin the damage assessment and clean up process,” Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said Thursday. “We will coordinate with Jefferson County EMA. We are still awaiting a determination by Gov. (Mike) Braun for an emergency declaration which will pace the way for a presidential declaration and possible assistance. “We ask residents to comply with safety efforts and do not enter the impacted areas unless they have property there,” Courtney said, adding that more announcements will be coming. “We estimate it will take two weeks for Vaughn Drive to be clean and longer for our public property.” With flood waters filling the recently rebuilt Crystal Beach Aquatic Center, Courtney said the pool “is a high priority effort for us.” Madison Director of Facilities, Streets & Solid Waste Chris Hale, said the department’s work crews expect to spend much of next week washing down flooded areas and removing debris. He asked local residents and motorists to



With a normal stroll along the Madison riverwalk impossible — that area was flooded nearly to the top of lampposts — the closest place for dog walking along the Ohio River was through the parking lot at Barb’s Riverview Apartments. The Madison Regatta Headquarters, located at the corner of Mulberry Street and Vaughn Drive (rear), was under water up to its roofline.



The bronze bust of George DeBaptiste, unveiled just last fall at Madison’s new Ohio River Legacy Park, was surrounded by flood waters with the 19th century abolitionist looking out over the Ohio River toward the Milton-Madison bridge and downtown Milton, Kentucky.

obey all street closures and barriers for the safety of the workers and to allow heavy equipment to have unrestricted access to those areas to expedite the work. “We’ve prepared as well as we can for the cleanup when it starts,” Hale said at Tuesday’s

Madison City Council meeting. Meanwhile, high water throughout the Ohio Valley continues to create hazardous conditions, even as the waters come down.

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Madison No. 1, Vevay No. 4 in Best Midwest Small Town rankings

BY BOB DEMAREE
Among the thousands of towns in the Midwest, Madison and Vevay have proven themselves as popular destinations according to USA Today 10 Best Readers’ Choice Awards. Madison was crowned the No. 1 Small Town in the Midwest for 2025 in the USA Today 10 Best Readers’ Choice Awards — the second year in row the city has received the honor. Vevay, which was named No. 4 for 2025, was awarded

its third consecutive ranking in the Choice Awards, after achieving No. 5 in 2024 and No. 1 in 2023. The recognition is based on a selection process involving a panel of experts followed by four weeks of public voting. “We are thrilled and deeply honored by this recognition,” said Andrew Forrester, Executive Tourism Director for Visit Madison Inc. (VMI). “

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CHARLIE’S BEAT



Dashawn Kelley (top) in action as wrestler Devlin Devile. Handout

Wrestling debuts at Ohio Theatre on April 12

Organizers are dubbing it “Thunder at The Ohio,” and it’s the first time in my memory that professional wrestling is taking place under the big flashing marquee at the Ohio Theatre. It’s happening this Saturday, April 12, with live rock music starting at 6:30 p.m. and “bell time” for the first wrestling bouts at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 advance at MadTixEvents.com, or \$15 at the door. They are promising, “the high-energy action of live ring wrestling, featuring some of the stars from the

hit Netflix documentary Wrestlers, along with local celebrity talent. You’ll witness high-flying moves, intense showdowns, and unforgettable moments as these powerhouse wrestlers take the ring!” I talked to one of the event promoters, who also happens to be one of the wrestlers, Dashawn Kelley, who performs under the name Devlin Devile. “We’re super excited to bring our show to a more mainstream venue like the theater,” says Dashawn.



CHARLIE ROHLFING CHARLIE’S BEAT

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS
April 8, 2025

Christian Michael Trey Lauderbaugh, 29, Madison, for Conspiracy to Manufacture/Deal Methamphetamine-2 counts, a Level 2 felony; and Racketeer-Corrupt Business. No bond.
Influence, a Level 5 felony.

April 9, 2025

Chase Robert Copeland, 18, for Communication-Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. No bond.
Amber Lynn McDarment, 32, Madison, on bench warrant. Bond \$250,000.
Zachary Chase Skinner, 34, Madison, to serve 7 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.
April 10, 2025
Heather Danielle Darlage, 33, Austin, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation (petition to revoke probation OWI). Bond \$1,500 cash.
Stephany Jo Embers, 52, Carrollton, Kentucky, on a warrant for failure to appear (petition to revoke probation). Bond \$500 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS
April 7, 2025

Edwin M. Brodley, 37, Louisville, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 52 days jail, served, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.
Mizael Hernandez Perez, 19, Hanover, for Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days unsupervised probation plus \$189.50 court costs.
Alvin Dane Gregory, 58, Madison, for Operating as a Habitual Traffic Violator, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with 4 days jail executed, served and 726 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589.50 in fees and

court costs.
Megan Lynn McCawley, 31, Madison, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and False Informing, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony, fully executed with no credit for time served, consecutive to 180 days jail on the misdemeanor with credit for 78 day jail served, plus \$789 in fees and court costs.
Timothy Shayne Jenkins, 21, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.
Lashelle Elizabeth Lavonne Childers, 28, Seymour, Indiana, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$389 in fees band court costs.
Paula Lynn Stewart, 39, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 68 days jail served, plus \$789 in fees and court costs.
Lori Lashelle Amburgey, 32, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed with credit for 54 days of jail served, plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs and 90-day suspension of driver's license.
Brandi Lynn Chase, 33, Rising Sun, Indiana, to an amended charge of Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs.
Susan Christine Carr, 62, Madison, for Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail, served, plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

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Mandy Laine Demaree, 50, Vevay, Indiana, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 4 days jail served, consecutive to prior suspended sentence for

dealing cocaine and corrupt business influence, both felonies, 2,190 days with credit for 251 days jail served and 1,938 days suspended to probation, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.
Jonathan David Clark, 52, Madison, to amended charges of Conspiracy to Deal in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony; and Corrupt Business Influence, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 3,650 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the drug charge, fully executed, concurrent to 365 days at IDOC on the corrupt business charge, and consecutive to 730-day suspended sentence in prior Level 6 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction, plus \$989 in fees and court costs.
Justin Neil Brooks Jr., 42, Madison, to an amended charge of Battery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 5 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 225 days jail served and one year suspended to probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs.
John Wesley Ryan, 38, Madison, to amended charges in three cases including Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 912 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 536 days jail served and 376 days suspended to probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs. Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 10 days jail time served and 355 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$339 in fees and court costs. Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fee and court costs. All probation to run consecutive.
Brandie N. Thompson, 47, Hanover, for Operating While Intoxicated, Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 12 days jail served and 718 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$789.50 in fees and court costs and 100-day suspension of driver's license.

Tyler Lee Wilkins, Dupont, Indiana, to amended charges of Domestic Battery, a Level 5 felony; and Interference with Reporting of Crime, a Class A misdemeanor;. Sentenced to 1,460 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony with 120 days jail executed, 1,340 days suspended to probation with the first 365 days on home detention; concurrent to 365 days jail on the misdemeanor, all suspended except 120 days. Defendant also placed on additional 1,585 days supervised probation for probation violation related to prior felony conviction plus \$439 in fees and court costs.
William Joseph Franklin Murphree, Commiskey, Indiana, to an amended charge of Unlawful Possession of Syringe, a Level 6 felony with judgment as a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, with credit for 10 days served and 355 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389.00 in fees and court costs.

April 4, 2025

Jordan Charles Kinsler, 19, Madison, to an amended charge of Attempted Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 36 days jail served and 144 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to remain in effect as a condition of probation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Fred W. Ayler to Darin Wayne Ayler, Christi Lynn Hackney Ayler and Fred W. Ayler; 3975 North China Manville Road, Madison.
Keith R. Lunsford to Barton G. Phillips, 8707 North Jake Gayle Road, Commiskey.
Tina Shimfessel to Tina Shimfessel and Katie Shimfessel, 210 Hooten Boulevard, Madison.
Daniel Menke and Paula J. Menke to Andrea L. Forrester and Andrea L. Forrester Revocable Living Trust, 2320 Woods Edge Drive, Madison.
James I. McCormick to Dylan

Koons, 1201 Wells Drive, Madison.
Mark L. Cutshall, Lori D. Bien, Tony S. Cutshall and Kent R. Cutshall to Doris J. Cutshall, 2608 Franks Drive, Madison.
Jason G. Anderson and Susan R. Anderson to Tyler J. Groves and Kaylan R. Groves, approximately 7 acres at 6412 West Interstate Block Road, Madison.
Jama Poston, Perry L. Poston (estate) and Supervised Estate of Perry L. Poston to Rolland E. Huff, approximately 75 acres at 8900 East Brushy Fork Road, Madison.
Steven D. Geisler and Dena D. Geisler to Zechariah T. Harris and Kyra N. Edwards, approximately 4.6 acres at 5315 West Prospect Road, Hanover.
David H. Gray and Sharon Gray to Robert Lowe and Lori Lowe, 1201 Riverbluff Lake Drive, Madison.
April 9, 2025
Richard A. Wahl, Laurel A. Wahl and Thomas Scott Wahl to Richard A. Wahl and Laurel A. Wahl, 1718 North Borchherding Road, Madison.
Dale H. Fisher to Dale H. Fisher and Melissa A. Fisher, approximately 10.3 acres at 5339 East Lower Dry Fork Road, Madison.
Tru Vision Contracting LLC to Devin Williams, 1375 North Borchherding Road, Madison.
Ashley M. Hamilton to Gage M. Fox, 362 South Hamilton Avenue, Hanover.
V. Larraine Fresh to V. Larraine Fresh and V. Larraine Fresh Trust, 2939 Ohio Avenue, Madison.
Benjamin Willoughby and JosieWilloughby to Savannah K. Tincher and Zachaery C. Yeary, 569 South 1000 West, Lexington.
Jonathan E. Talbott and Mary Ann Talbot (estate) to Equity Properties LLC, 1240 Wells Drive, Madison.
Jeff Strader and Mary Strader to Jeff Strader, Mary Strader and Shannon Rose Strader, 2448 Woods Edge Drive, Madison.
Tara H. Ashby to Korri L. Ashby an Camden M. Ashby, 549 Highland Avenue, Madison.
Kimberly Porter to Kenneth Austin Ketcham, 205 Glad Street, Hanover.

Bridge rehab underway
on SR 56/62 near Hanover

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A bridge rehabilitation project on State Road 56/62 over Big Spring Creek in Jefferson County is expected to take about three months to complete.
Work began on April 1 just east of State Road 62 near Hanover and is expected to be completed in early July, weather permitting. Temporary traffic signals will be used and an 11-foot lane width limit will be in effect on State Road 56/62 while work is in progress.
This work is part of a \$1.1 million contract awarded to E&B Paving Inc. in October 2024.

CORRECTION

A missing word in the Madison Board of Public Works and Safety meeting story in Tuesday's edition misrepresented a remark by Council member Patrick Thevenow concerning the removal of two speed bumps on First Street between Harrison Street and St. Michaels Avenue. Thevenow actually said the issue had been discussed at the last Traffic Committee meeting, and the consensus was "no need" to remove the speed bumps. The story has already been corrected in our online coverage.

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WRESTLING

FROM PAGE A1

"There's plenty of space for a big audience, and the atmosphere will be very high energy and fun.
"We are bringing in an official wrestling ring, with the padded corner stanchions and ropes and all the rest. Exactly like you see on TV. We're putting the ring right in front of the theater stage on the floor, so we can have seating on three sides and really let the fans get close to the action. The live band will be on the stage right behind the ring.
"I'm excited about the band, too. It's my friend Robert Reynolds, along with Mark Bear on drums and Darryl Hewitt on guitar. These guys will be really rocking the place for the first hour to set the mood before the wrestling starts.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

April 11

Ben Flint
David Wilhoite

April 12

Teresa Anderson

April 14

Randy Crutchfield

April 16

Rick Berry

Jeff Burch

Linda Wood

April 17

James Crisp

April 18

Erin Kindle

April 19

Laura Carr

April 20

Darlene Meadows

April 23

Collin Overton

"We'll also be using the big projection screen at the Ohio to display our entrance videos. Every wrestler has a persona and a back story, and we play that up with a lot of drama and pageantry as we make our way to the ring. It's all part of the show, and it helps set up the rivalries and personalities involved.
"We're featuring six to eight wrestlers from the local area, plus several from out of state who are members of the National Wrestling Alliance. We're looking at 15 plus wrestlers total, including some women, which works out to eight matches.
"Madison actually has an active local wrestling scene led by a guy who goes by Eric Draven. He's been in the business for 25 plus years, and used to be on the televised pro circuit. He runs a wrestling academy here in town, and puts on weekly shows at Supreme Wrestling in a building just off Clifty Drive. Eric will be a feature in this Ohio Theatre show.
"If this first time at the theater goes well we hope to do it twice a year. We

think we can grow it on a grassroots level and build it up to something people can look forward to. It's really a dream come true for me. Wrestling has been part of my life for a long time, and now I get to share it with my family and friends right here in my hometown."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

First of all, for anyone not from Madison (or those who live on the hilltop) downtown Madison is completely open for business, with all music venues open as usual. The area along the river is flooded, and really something to behold, but it does not affect the heart of the town. So go ahead and plan your trip to Indiana's Music City!
The music calendar is so full these days it's kind of mind blowing! Just looking at Saturday I'm seeing eight live music events within walking distance downtown, plus two on the hilltop, PLUS a special afternoon pop up event on West Street with food trucks and a live band. Friday is packed too! There's a super popular

Creedence Clearwater show at Red Bicycle Hall both Friday and Saturday. I also received a tip from Crystal up at Tailgators that the band they have on Friday is a group of young college students, and she says they are red hot and worth checking out. See y'all out and about this weekend!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS
SCHEDULE

Friday, April 11

Riverboat Inn — Joe & Deano
First Street Country Saloon — The Imposters
Red Bicycle Hall — Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute Band (7 p.m.)
Timeless LIVE! — Amber Currents Band (7 p.m.)
American Legion — Ragtop Deluxe (8 p.m.-Midnight)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Another Fine Mess (7-11 p.m.)
Tailgators — Malakai and Crew (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
The Central — MRM Trio (9 p.m.) (or maybe Karaoke with Crash?)

Saturday, April 12

1st Street Country Saloon — L&L Karaoke
Red Bicycle Hall — Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute Band (8 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Nova Suns (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Joe & Deano (7-11 p.m.)
Timeless Live — Hoosier Daddy Band (7 p.m.)
The Drake — Scotty Butters (7-10 p.m.)
Thomas Family Winery — Slick River Rockets (6 p.m.)
Tailgators — Soulshine (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
522 West Street — Food & Music Pop-Up with Vaguely Familiar (3-7 p.m.)
The Central — Anthony Ray Wright (or maybe Crossfire?)
VFW — Legacy Band (8 p.m.-Midnight)
Sunday, April 13
Rivertown Grill — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.
Sunset: 8:16 p.m.
Temperature: High 64, Low 39, Mean 51.5, Deficit 3.1
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, April 2025: 6.92
Precipitation, 2025: 23.29
Barometer: 30.14, Steady
River Level at Clifty Creek: 454.0, Falling
(Ohio River flooding crested at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 458.62 feet-Moderate flooding)
Forecast: Saturday: Sunny High 58/Low 35; Sunday: Mostly cloudy High 66/Low 53; Monday: Showers High 72/Low 43; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 54/Low 34.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 8-10-16-19-30-32 (4/9). Estimated Jackpot: \$1.8 million. Next Drawing (4/12).
Cash Five: 9-10-19-23-32 (4/9)
Cash 4 Life: 4-12-15-51-53 CB: 4 (4/9)
KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 11-15-16-32 CB 1 (4/9)
Lucky For Life: 1-14-24-29-46 LB: 14 (4/9)

MEGAMILLIONS: 10-16-50-60-61

MB: 17 (4/8). Next Jackpot: \$72 million. Next Drawing (4/11)
POWERBALL: 4-29-37-55-67 PB: 10, PP 4 (4/9). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$82 million. Next Drawing (4/12)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 2-15-44-60-68 PB: 23 (4/9). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (4/12)

OBITUARIES

Kathleen Anne Weingart Trader

Kathleen Anne Weingart Trader, age 81, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Feb. 27, 1944, in Milwaukee, WI. She was the loving daughter of the late Robert Weingart and Geraldine Murray Weingart. She graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, in 1966, with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Kathleen was a registered nurse in the U. S. Navy from 1964 to 1968. She served as an ICU nurse at King's Daughters' Hospital for 15



years. She retired in 2009 after 20 years of service as a registered nurse and five of those years were spent at the Madison State

Hospital. Kathleen was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority -Zeta Xi Chapter. Kathleen died on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 3:15 p.m., at her home in Hanover, IN.

Kathleen will be missed by her loving sons, Christopher Trader and his wife Kathy Jo of Hanover, IN, Grant Trader and his wife Patricia of Madison, IN; her loving daughter, Rachel Trader and her husband, Marvin Lee Kilgore of Hanover, IN; her grandchildren, Ashley, Nick, Allison,

Kaitlin, Julia, Kyndal, Lily, Cassie, and Meaghan; her great grandchildren, Alexis, Payton, Gavin, Jaxon, Kara, Chloe, Alexander, Ace, and Tatum; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Geraldine Murray Weingart, and her sister, Cheryl Martinez, her brothers, Kevin and Robert Weingart, her granddaughter, Nicole Moreland, and her great granddaughter, Annie

McDowell.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Brynen Chitwood at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Friday, April 11, 2025, from 12 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral

Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Psi Iota Xi Sorority -Zeta Xi Chapter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Harold Donald 'Don' Nealis

Harold Donald 'Don' Nealis, 82, of Madison, formerly of Holton passed away at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 5, 2025 at his home. He was born in Indianapolis on Sept. 19, 1942, the son of Harold and Beatrice Beach Nealis.

He was married to Mary Dobbs on Aug. 4, 2004, and she survives.

Other survivors include one daughter Rae Jean Auterson of Versailles; step-son Kyle Heidorn of Osgood.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, son Randy Nealis, his step-father Donald Boyd, and his half-brothers James and Steven Nealis. Mr. Nealis was a 1960

graduate of Holton High School.

His working career spanned many years including managing an asphalt plant for Cabot Paving for 24 years and owning and operating Nealis Monuments. He was in charge of the opening and closing of graves for the Holton Cemetery where he also served as a trustee. Don also did monument restoration in many of the old local cemeteries which included the restoration of many Revolutionary War soldier monuments. He enjoyed his Percherons Lester and Larry and also did restoration on horse drawn equipment

as well as old homes. He was also an avid coon hunter and one year qualified for the Coon Hunters World Championship. Don was a member of the Holton Christian Church, Holton Masonic Lodge, the Eastern Star, and was a 55- year member of Local 181 of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Don's wishes were to be cremated and their will be private burial services at a later date in the Holton Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Holton Cemetery in care of the Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles.

Frank Lamar Pearson, Jr.

Frank Lamar Pearson, Jr., age 72, of Madison, IN, entered this life on July 10, 1952, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late Frank Lamar Pearson, Sr. and Dorothy "Dottie" Montgomery Pearson Callis.

He was raised in Madison and graduated in 1970 from Madison Consolidated High School. He also attended Ivy Tech for additional training. He served in the United States Navy for six months before being honorably discharged, and then was transferred to the Reserves and was honorably discharged after six years of service. Frank worked for many years as a self-employed musician. He played in the bands of Fox Fire, Brass Tacks, Wild Horses, The Frank Pearson Band, Cross Country and later in the Praise and Worship Band of River Valley Church. He worked with Grote Industries for 12 years in production control supervision. He retired from Madison Precision after 18 years of service as supervisor over the die cast department. He was raised in the Madison Presbyterian Church and was now a member of the New Life Fellowship Church in Madison. He had owned and operated with his wife the auction barn at Broomsage Horse and Tack. He loved horses, music, songwriting,



playing the guitar, animals and being on his golf cart. Frank died on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 4:23 a.m., at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Frank will be missed by his loving wife of 44 years, Cate Ann Culp Pearson of Madison, IN; his daughters, Kristen Pearson Cantu and her husband, Larry of Columbus, IN, Jessi Pearson of Largo, FL; his grandchildren, Kamryn Cantu and Savannah Morris; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-laws, Joy Culp of Madison, IN, Connie Tatman of Madison, IN, Carrie Fullenkamp and her husband, Brent of Madison, IN, Christy Kollmann and her husband, Scott of Madison, IN, Wydalis Culp of Madison, IN, Dennis Joe Stephens of Lexington, IN; his aunt, Anna Mae Whitton of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

He was preceded

in death by his father, Frank Lamar Pearson, Sr., his mother, Dorothy "Dottie" Montgomery Pearson Callis, his stepfather, Dixie V. Callis, his son, Shane Pearson, his grandparents, Bayard Preston and Ruth Pearson and Hubert and Doris Reed Montgomery, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Pastor Billy J. Cup, and Karen Culp Stephens,

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Scott Kollmann at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Saturday from 12 — 2 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Frank Pearson Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Niles Scott Taber

Niles Scott Taber, age 77, of Madison, IN, entered this life on March 23, 1948, in Coldwater, MI. He was the son of Donald and Donelda Zimmer Taber. Niles died on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 7:32 a.m., at his home near Madison, IN.

Niles will be missed by his loving wife of 18 years, Deborah Lynn Hammond Bowles Taber of Madison, IN; her daughters, Tina Spellings of Madison, IN, Tonya Bowles of Salem, IN; his sons, Niles Taber, Jr. and his wife, Chris of Onsted,

Michigan, Scott Taber of Reading, Michigan; his daughter, Angel Love of Reading, MI; 11 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; his brother, Gary Taber and his wife, Debra of Pulaski, TN; his sisters, Carol Sprague and her husband, Dennis of Jackson, MI, Rhonda Poore and her husband, Hank of Pulaski, TN; 7 nieces, and 10 nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Taber and his mother, Donelda Zimmer Taber Parks, his brothers, Donald Taber, II and Billy

Parks, Jr.

Niles chose cremation with a private family celebration.

Memorial contributions may be made to Amedysis Hospice, American Cancer Society, Parkinson's Foundation, Dementia Research, American Heart Association, or Humane Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Christopher "Fat B" Cody Adams, 36, of Sanders, KY, died Sunday, March 30, 2025, at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, www.grahamdunnfh.com.

Martha Bratcher, 72, of Carrollton, KY, died Tuesday, April 8, 2025,

in Carrollton. Private graveside service for the family will be held April 14, at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home of Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Ann Colwell, 60, of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Water's of Clifty Falls in Madison. Ruth chose cremation

with no service to be held. Arrangements by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Doris Lucille West Crawford, 95, of Carrollton, KY, died Friday, April 4, 2025, at Carroll County Memorial Hospital in Carrollton. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in

Carrollton, with burial to follow in the Carrollton I.O.O.F. Cemetery, www.grahamdunnfh.com.

Walter Ray Dewitt, 62, of Worthville, KY, died Wednesday, April 8, 2025, in Louisville. Graveside service is at 1 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Dallasburg Cemetery in Wheatley, KY. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Printis Shelton, 93 of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Robley Rex Veterans Medical Center in Louisville. Cremation was chosen with interment to follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre of

Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Edwin Duane "Dewey" Wainscott, 62, of Carrollton, KY, died Sunday, April 6, 2025, in Carrollton. Funeral services is at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

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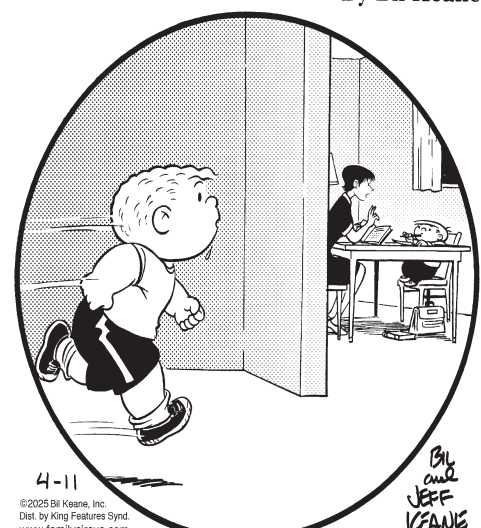


*Announcement of
New Pastor*

Hanover Presbyterian Church asks for God's abundant blessing as our church welcomes our new pastor, Reverend Dawn Black, her spouse Reverend Andrew, and their children Griffin, Gracen, and Zachary. Rev. Dawn will begin her call at HPC on June 1, 2025

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"All right. You have two pieces of candy. Now, if I give you four more, how many will you have?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

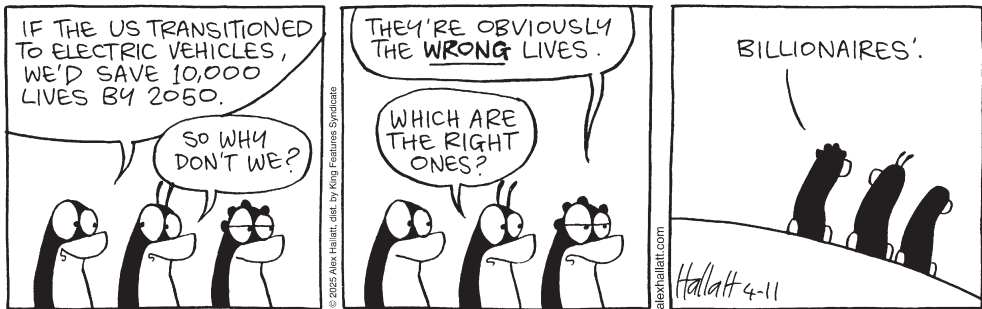


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"WHY DO YA LOOK WORRIED, MR. WILSON?"
"YOU LOOK GREAT!"

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ARCTIC CIRCLE



IF THE US TRANSITIONED TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES, WE'D SAVE 10,000 LIVES BY 2050.

SO WHY DON'T WE?

THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY THE ~~WRONG~~ LIVES.

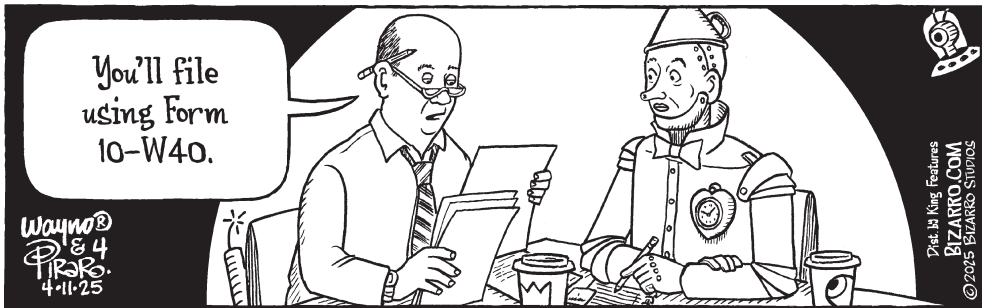
WHICH ARE THE RIGHT ONES?

BILLIONAIRES.

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BEETLE BAILEY



TODAY WE'LL BE PRACTICING WITH SMALL ARMS

HOW DO I MAKE MY ARMS SMALL ?!

GREG HICKEY WALKER

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE HIT

Still, he's fixing our infestation problem.

HE UNDERSTANDS WHACK-A-MOLE IS A GAME, RIGHT ?

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BLONDIE



I TRIED OUT FOR THE NATIONAL BARBERSHOP QUARTET ALL-STAR TEAM

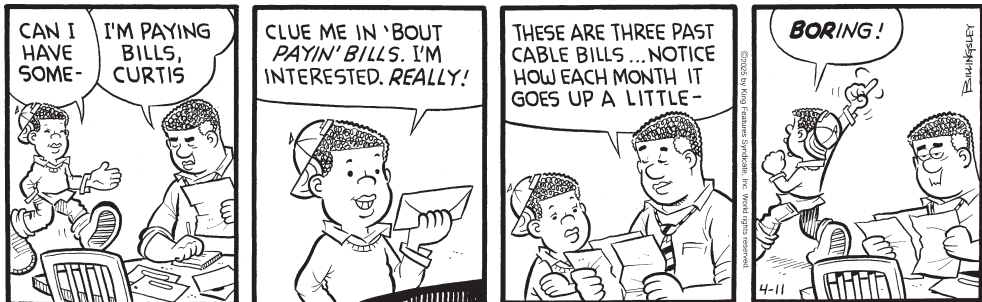
HOW DID YOU DO?

I DIDN'T MAKE THE CUT

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CURTIS



CAN I HAVE SOME-

I'M PAYING BILLS, CURTIS

CLUE ME IN 'BOUT PAYIN' BILLS. I'M INTERESTED. REALLY!

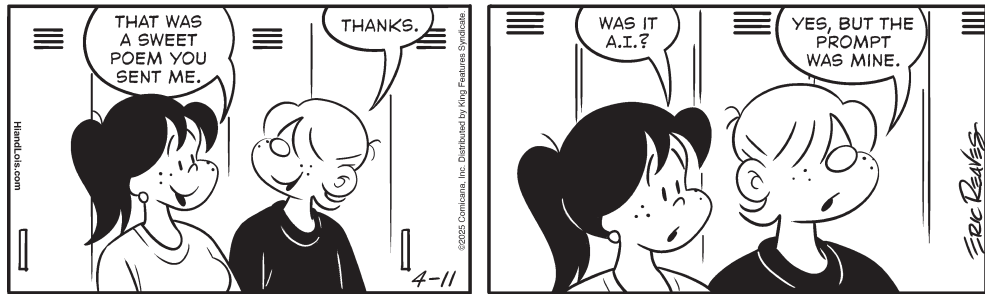
THESE ARE THREE PAST CABLE BILLS ... NOTICE HOW EACH MONTH IT GOES UP A LITTLE--

BORING!

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HI & LOIS



THAT WAS A SWEET POEM YOU SENT ME.

THANKS.

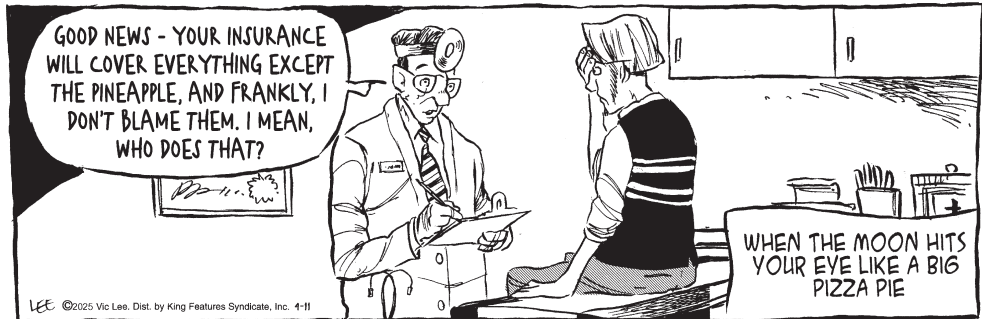
WAS IT A.I.?

YES, BUT THE PROMPT WAS MINE.

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PARDON MY PLANET



GOOD NEWS - YOUR INSURANCE WILL COVER EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE PINEAPPLE, AND FRANKLY, I DON'T BLAME THEM. I MEAN, WHO DOES THAT?

WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE LIKE A BIG PIZZA PIE

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ZITS



DID YOU READ THE ARTICLE I SENT ON TEEN DRIVING?

NO

HOW ABOUT THE ONE ON SEX?

"BEING HAPPY" TIPS?

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES?

MOM, FORWARDED ARTICLES AREN'T REQUIRED READING.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL SUM THEM UP FOR YOU.

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DUMPLINGS



YOU'RE NOT DONE ROLLING AROUND IN THERE YET ?

NO WAY! I LOVE THE MUD! OKAY, HIPPIE CHILD - WELL, I'M GOING INSIDE...

I HEAR A SOFA CALLING MY NAME.

GROOVY, MAN... THE FURNITURE TALKS TO ME TOO SOMETIMES.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



I THINK I PUT TOO MUCH VANILLA IN THE CAKE!

WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, HELGA!

FOR INSTANCE, I JUST PUT TOO MUCH CAKE IN MY MOUTH!

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SIX CHIX



HOW SHALL WE REPRIMAND PEOPLE FOR NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNT?

WE COULD CHARGE THEM MONEY

HMM...

YES, PERFECT

WE'LL BE RICH

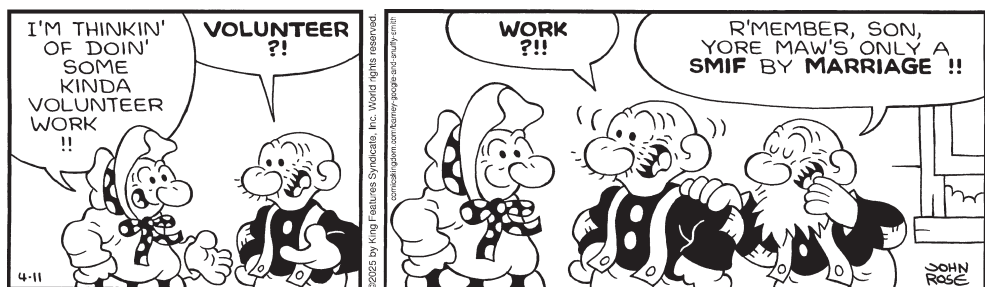
IT'S GENIUS

I LOVE MONEY

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



I'M THINKIN' OF DOIN' SOME KINDA VOLUNTEER WORK !!

VOLUNTEER ?!

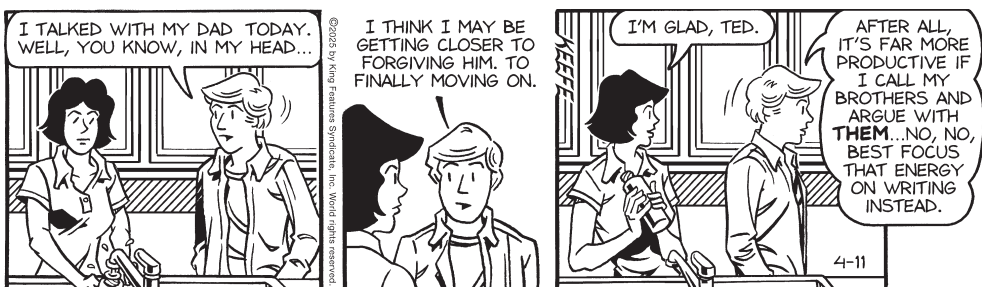
WORK ?!!

R'MEMBER, SON, YORE MAW'S ONLY A SMIF BY MARRIAGE !!

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SALLY FORTH



I TALKED WITH MY DAD TODAY. WELL, YOU KNOW, IN MY HEAD...

I THINK I MAY BE GETTING CLOSER TO FORGIVING HIM. TO FINALLY MOVING ON.

I'M GLAD, TED.

AFTER ALL, IT'S FAR MORE PRODUCTIVE IF I CALL MY BROTHERS AND ARGUE WITH THEM... NO, NO, BEST FOCUS THAT ENERGY ON WRITING INSTEAD.

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DUSTIN



WOW. WHERE HAVE THE TWO OF YOU BEEN ALL OF OUR LIVES?

AND HOW SOON CAN YOU GET BACK THERE?

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MUTTS



WHAT'S THAT?!

I HAVE A PET SNAIL, TOO.

HIS NAME IS "MINI-MOOCH"

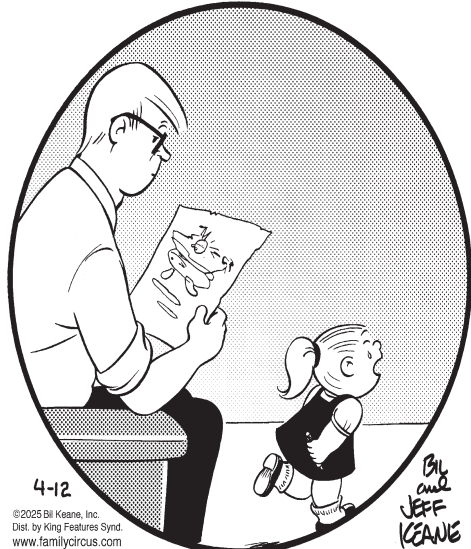
HE DOESN'T DO A THING I SAY.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"Daddy says it's very good and he's holding it upside down!"

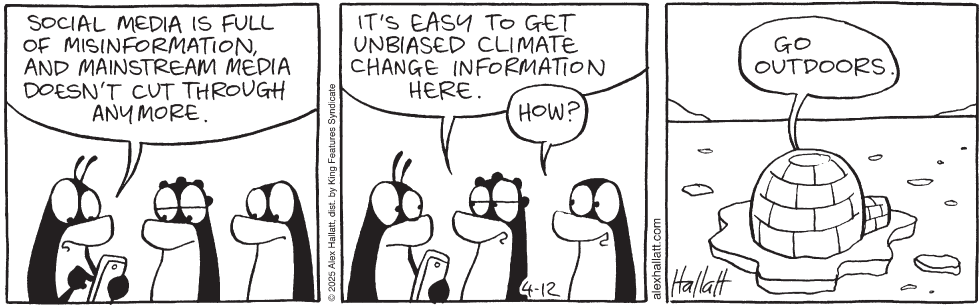
DENNIS THE MENACE



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"MY DAD SAYS YOU BROKE YOUR LEG IN TWO PLACES. IF I WERE YOU, I'D STAY AWAY FROM THOSE PLACES."

ARCTIC CIRCLE



SOCIAL MEDIA IS FULL OF MISINFORMATION, AND MAINSTREAM MEDIA DOESN'T CUT THROUGH ANYMORE.

IT'S EASY TO GET UNBIASED CLIMATE CHANGE INFORMATION HERE.

HOW?

GO OUTDOORS.

BIZARRO

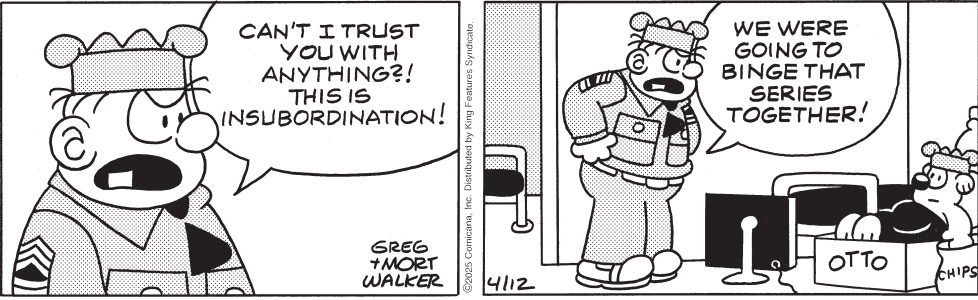


It's a six-figure settlement as long as you count the figures after the decimal point.

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BEETLE BAILEY



CAN'T I TRUST YOU WITH ANYTHING?! THIS IS INSUBORDINATION!

GREG T. MORT WALKER

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WE WERE GOING TO BINGE THAT SERIES TOGETHER!

OTTO

CHIPS

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE STORE

May I recommend...
Not now.

HOW'S EMPLOYEE MORALE?

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YOUR SOUL-SUCKING JOB
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I'M GOING SHOPPING, DEAR...

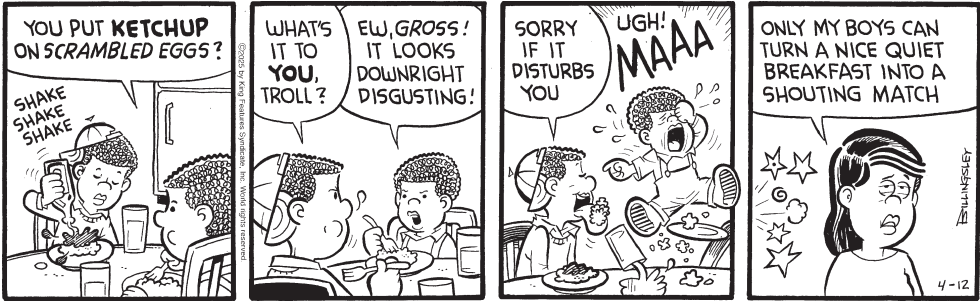
OK, HONEY

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE DINNER FOR YOURSELF TONIGHT, IF THAT'S OK

NOT TO WORRY... I CAN FEND FOR MYSELF

IT'S DAG...HE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT'S FOR DINNER AND IF WE FEEL LIKE SOME COMPANY

CURTIS



YOU PUT KETCHUP ON SCRAMBLED EGGS?

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

WHAT'S IT TO YOU, TROLL?

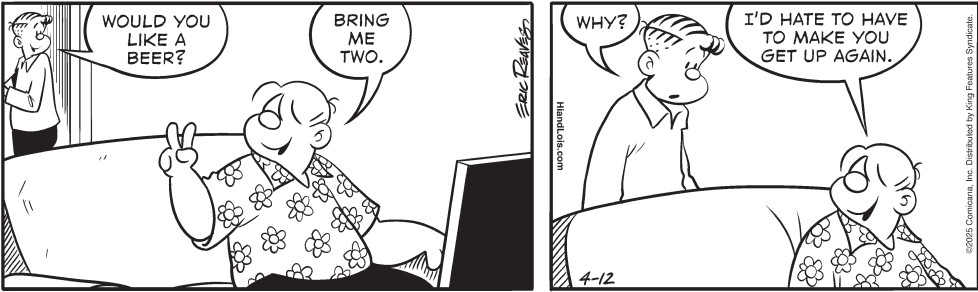
EW, GROSS! IT LOOKS DOWNRIGHT DISGUSTING!

SORRY IF IT DISTURBS YOU

UGH! MAAA

ONLY MY BOYS CAN TURN A NICE QUIET BREAKFAST INTO A SHOUTING MATCH

HI & LOIS



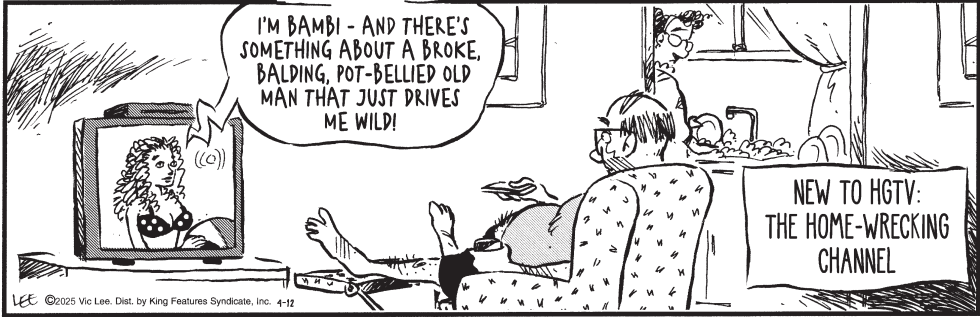
WOULD YOU LIKE A BEER?

BRING ME TWO.

WHY?

I'D HATE TO HAVE TO MAKE YOU GET UP AGAIN.

PARDON MY PLANET



I'M BAMBI - AND THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT A BROKE, BALDING, POT-BELLIED OLD MAN THAT JUST DRIVES ME WILD!

NEW TO HGTV: THE HOME-WRECKING CHANNEL

ZITS



DINNER WILL BE READY IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.

I JUST SPLIT AN EXTRA-LARGE TRIPLE-MEAT PIZZA WITH HECTOR.

I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT HUNGRY.

I DON'T FOLLOW YOUR LOGIC.

DUMPLINGS



WHOA, BENNY, YOU'RE FILTHY!

YEAH, I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY.

BY WHAT - A MUD MONSTER?

OOH - WE SHOULD PLAY THAT!

DOG, RAWR IF YOU TOUCH ME...

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



AND IN THIS CORNER, THE UNDEFEATED AND UNWASHED HAGAR THE HORRIBLE!

LEAN IN CLOSE WHEN YOU JAB!

NO WAY!

SIX CHIX



My feel-good TV is British baking shows!

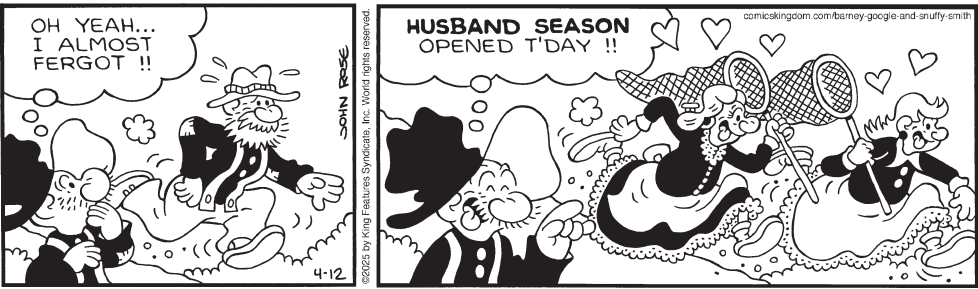
I LOVE Karamas!

I adore travel shows!

Mystery series make me happy!

My feel-good TV is off... with a cat and a cup of tea!

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



OH YEAH... I ALMOST FERGOT !!

HUSBAND SEASON OPENED T'DAY !!

SALLY FORTH



HOW'S THE NOVEL GOING?

GOOD, I THINK. AT LEAST I'M WRITING AGAIN.

I SEE YOU NAMED ONE OF THE CHARACTERS AFTER YOUR DAD.

WELL, HE WAS ALWAYS IN THE BOOK. BUT HE'S NO LONGER THE ANTAGONIST.

DUSTIN



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

I WAS DRINKING COFFEE...

...WHEN DUSTIN SAID HE WAS FEELING STRESSED OUT.

MID-SIP? THAT'S TERRIBLE.

COFFEE CAME OUT OF MY NOSE.

MUTTS



THAT'S NOT FAIR, EARL - YOU CAN'T HAVE A PET SHNAIL, TOO!!!

AND WHY WOULD YOU NAME HIM "MINI-MOOCH"?! THAT IS RIDICULOUS!

OOOH, I THINK HE LIKES YOU.

PURR.



The rain-swollen Ohio River encroaches on Madison’s Crystal Beach Aquatic Center, filling the pool with flood waters as well as several home and businesses along Vaugh Drive in downtown Madison.

FLOOD

FROM PAGE A1

Flooding has dramatically impacted Brooksbury east of Madison, which has been completely cut off by water as State Road 56, East Old State Road 56 and East Doe Run Road were all blocked by flooding.

On Wednesday at 4 p.m., that high water left an adult male and adult female stranded in their Jeep after attempting to drive through high water on State Road 56 just east of Big Doe Run. County Sheriff’s Deputy Ryan Harrison, who was off-duty responded to the scene and rescued the couple with help from County Sheriff Ben Flint. They were headed east bound towards Vevay when the vehicle got stuck during a failed attempt to drive through high water.

Switzerland County Emergency Management Agency Director Tom Moore reported a water rescue of man who had overturned his johnboat near the Ohio River shore along State Road 156 near Markland Pike.

In Trimble County, EMA director Andrew Stark reported two incidents in which motorists needed assistance after driving through high water — one on Coopers Bottom Road and the other on U.S. 42.

In Jefferson County, Hanover Beach remains under water with no dry road access to get there. Some of the hardest hit areas in Kentucky were Prestonville, Worthville and Sanders in Carroll County and Milton in Trimble County, all low lying area along either the Ohio, Kentucky and Little Kentucky rivers as well as Eagle Creek.

Areas of Prestonville and Worthville and other low-lying areas along the Kentucky River were under a mandatory evacuation on Sunday and patients at the nursing home in Sanders were evacuated Sunday and relocated to Kysoc Park in Carrollton as a precaution to flash flooding and high water from Eagle Creek. Stark said Highway 36 between Milton and Carrollton remains closed but anticipates it might reopen by Saturday, but will still need to be cleaned of mud and debris and inspected for damage.

“There’s all kinds of debris” on the roadway, Stark said.

Flooded state highways in Switzerland County remained closed on Thursday morning including State Road 156 at Plum Creek Road and State Road 56 at Patton Hollow. Moore said water levels need to come down more before roads can be reopened, but that Wade Hill Road, Silver Hill Road and Lower Gridley Road are county roads in Switzerland County that are now open.

Based on data collected by weather stations in nearby communities, the five-day storm that led to the flooding produced 5.11 inches of rainfall in Carrollton and 7.84 inches in Bedford. Stations in other commu-



Four boys, who were taking advantage of dry land on the higher ground at Bicentennial Park to play football on Tuesday, used a long stick to try to recover their ball after it landed in the Ohio River.

Photos by Bob Demaree



Oliver Schakenberg dabbles in the flood water on Mill Street in front of the Lanthier Winery. The winery had evacuated the building prior to the water’s rise and had allowed visitors to harvest its annual tulip crop before the flowers could be destroyed by the river.



A couple of flood watchers paused on the steps of the Lanier Mansion Historic Site to look out over a flooded south garden that was temporarily the new Indiana shoreline of the Ohio River.



Madison Board of Public Works and Safety member Karl Eaglin (left) and Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency Director Matt True prepare to launch True’s drone to survey and photograph flooding on Tuesday afternoon with nearby Kiwanis Park completely under water.

nities along the Ohio River reported 5.96 in Vevay, 6.92 in downtown Madison, 5.67 on Madison’s hilltop and 6.37 inches in Hanover.

However, other regions in Kentucky and Indiana, which all impact local flooding, received 8 or more inches and up to 12 inches

of rainfall during the storm system.

Areas downriver in western Kentucky received nearly 16 inches of rainfall over the



The lawn at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site — including the garden on the south side of the structure — became a temporary hangout for geese to paddle and spectators to flood watch.

five-day storm days while upriver parts of central Kentucky and eastern Kentucky 10 to 12 inches and 6 to 8 inches, respectively, which all

empty in the Ohio River. (Information for this story was also gathered by Mark Campbell and Paxton Media Group.)

Redevelopment Commission OKs street lighting for West Main

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison’s Redevelopment Commission approved funding a proposal to provide better lighting on the west end of downtown Madison at its meeting Tuesday.

The lighting will be part of this summer’s work to improve Main Street, and extending decorative street lighting west of Cragmont Street. Currently, the lighting ends at Cragmont Street, but once installed will extend just past the bridge at Crooked Creek near the

Parkside Dental Center on Clifty Hollow Road.

The Redevelopment Commission approved agreements with Duke Energy — one a down payment of \$112,780.80, with the remainder being paid through electrical usage. There was also an agreement for a maintenance program at a cost of \$559.98 per month.

Deputy Mayor Tony Steinhardt III said the lights will be the same type as installed on Michigan Road as part of the Shoppes at Sunrise Cross-

ing project. The new lighting will also have electrical outlets for decorations, such as the shamrock decorations recently displayed for St. Patrick’s Day and the hearts that were displayed for Valentine’s Day.

In other business, a resolution was adopted for bonds up to \$4.9 million to be repaid by Redevelopment Commission dollars from the TIF district. The bonds will provide funding towards housing and quality of life projects associated with the city’s development

plan that includes the former Madison coal property on the eastern corner of Jefferson Street and Vaughn Drive, a new single family housing development on the hilltop, Damon Welch Park at the site of the former Jaycee Park, and a permanent amphitheater at Bicentennial Park.

The resolution approved Tuesday authorizes the Redevelopment Commission to sell bonds and repay the loan with TIF revenue, subject to the city council approval. Last

month, the Redevelopment Commission approved a resolution to declare the intent to sell bonds.

The commission also approved utilizing Reedy Financial to advise the city for potential housing projects related to economic development agreements and additional financial analysis. “It is for us to review and analyze the development deals and understand and confirm gaps for potential city investments,” said Steinhardt.

Council adopts vacant, abandoned properties law

Plan to eliminate loophole in blight removal

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison City Council held the second reading and adopted an ordinance that will give the city more options in eliminating neighborhood blight related to vacant and abandoned structures whose property owners have resisted other efforts to bring their buildings up to code.

The ordinance ended up being approved 6-1 with only Council member Patrick Thevenow opposing, but not before one amendment was approved and two others were rejected as part of a lengthy discussions among the council and Mayor Bob Courtney.

Madison has been aggressive tackling neighborhood blight for the past few years —with financial incentives and code enforcement used as a carrot or stick approach to get residents and property owners to fix up their buildings — especially in targeted area of the downtown historic district. Through that process dozens of homes and businesses have been addressed — both in appearance and functionality — improving not only the blighted buildings but increasing property values of neighboring properties through the elimination of blight.

The Preservation & Community Enhancement (PACE) Grant Program has been hailed for downtown Madison historic preservation, tourism growth and why property values have climbed steadily. And while enforcement efforts and the PACE grants have worked to encourage blight elimination in many cases, the city has struggled with a way to encourage or force owners of vacant and abandoned structures to get on board.

The ordinance approved Tuesday — sponsored by Council members Jim Bartlett, Carla Krebs, Joshua Schafer, Joel Storm, and Josh Wilber — will give Madison the tools to force property owners of vacant and abandoned structures to either make improvements or have the city step in to do that and then place lien on the property.

The ordinance tasks the city’s enforcement office with establishing a registration of vacant and abandoned structures — essentially homes or businesses that the owners have allowed to sit decaying without proper maintenance and improvements — and establish standards for maintenance such as conditions to insure the structures are safe and presentable with hopes that property owners will go even further and make them suitable for occupation or sell them to someone willing to do that.

Prior to adopting the ordinance, Thevenow, whose first district downtown has been at the forefront of much blight elimination through the PACE program proposed three amendments to the ordinance first brought last month and adopted Tuesday.

One would have exempted historic brick structures with chipped or peeling paint from being ordered to repaint and another would have required the city to notify property owners in violation by certified letter rather than first class mail. The amendment related to masonry was brought to a vote and failed 5-2 with Thevenow and Schafer in favor and Krebs, Lucy Dattilo, Storm, Bartlett and Wilber opposing. The amendment related to how notification should be sent died for a lack of a second.

Thevenow said painting a historic building constructed with 100-plus year old bricks and mortar from that period is often detrimental to the structure because it can trap moisture that can damage bricks and tuck pointing. He said requiring a certified letter would provide better proof that the property owner had actually received the city’s letter noting violation of the ordinance.

Courtney argued that the requirement concerning chipped and peeling paint is actually targeted more toward structures using more modern materials and that a violation could be negotiated with the enforcement staff and/or appealed to the Board of Public Works and Safety (BPWS) to consider relief from the requirement.

Another amendment by Thevenow — that quar-

terly reports compiled by the enforcement office be forwarded not only to the BPWS but also to members of the common council — was unanimously approved.

A second ordinance that was on the agenda for a second reading and adoption — one to repeal and replace the city’s code regarding golf cart regulations — was tabled to give council members more time to study nine amendments that were filed by Thevenow and Schafer in the 48 hours prior to Tuesday’s meeting.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a resolution renaming to Madison Municipal Airport as Madison Regional Airport to reflect the fact that the Federal Aviation Administration last year granted the airport that higher status.
- Approved the appointment of Chris Cody, who has extensive background in historic preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to the city’s Historic District Board of Review.
- Approved a resolution supporting Targeted Property Tax Relief by the Indiana General Assembly but only if that reform does not reduce dollars coming to the cities impact their ability to provide services.
- Heard a request by Erica McIntyre Wilson, a resident of the city’s buffer zone, for the council to declare a moratorium on applications by solar industries until the city completes a review and update of its zoning ordinance later this year. Wilson also asked for more city representation —such as a seat on city council — for residents of the buffer zone.

City Attorney Joe Jenner noted that while the buffer zone is controlled by Madison in terms of zoning and development, the area is not in the city limits and is not eligible for a seat on council. Courtney said the buffer zone is represented by members on the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals and that interaction like a three-hour public hearing on the last solar application heard last year are proof that the council and city are listening to the residents of the buffer zone.

County Council approves \$302,000 to cover increases in insurance premiums

BY BOB DEMAREE

An appropriation of \$302,000 from the county’s public safety local income tax was approved at Tuesday’s Jefferson County Council meeting to cover increased costs for property and liability insurance.

The overall cost of the county’s policies is \$881,586.38 — nearly double last year — with part of the reason stemming from law enforcement coverage, but also due to an increase for deductibles on wind and hail for county buildings.

County Auditor Heather Huff said the county’s broker reached out for several quotes, and that is the best that is available, adding that there were several insurance companies that denied providing a quote to the county.

Commissioner David Bramer said that even though it’s a huge increase, the county’s broker told them it is also “good news because some counties aren’t getting insurance.”

Finding insurance coverage for jails has become a challenge. Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Criminal Justice Center was saved from being denied due to the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology that has been implemented by County Sheriff Ben Flint to track activities of inmates and officers to ensure that rounds are done on time.

Due to the difficulties in purchasing insurance coverage, Huff said some counties are opting to partially self-fund property and liability insurance “because this is a continuing problem around the state.”

Council member Pam Crozier said, “I’m just thankful we can get a policy.”

The deductible for wind and hail claims over the past year was \$5,000, but with the new coverage the deductible is a minimum of \$100,000 or 1% of the building’s value. For the \$46 million Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Criminal Justice Center that has housed

the county’s inmates since January of 2024, that would be a \$460,000 deductible, and for the Jefferson County Courthouse valued at \$16 million, that’s \$160,000. The county was able to offset that high deductible for hail and wind coverage with an \$81,759 excess coverage policy to buy the deductible down to \$25,000.

There were also elements of law enforcement that were excluded from the umbrella coverage — law enforcement liability and employed related practices liability. To ensure that would be covered also required additional insurance for an overall \$4 million, but from two different companies — one costing \$96,200 which covers the first \$2 million and another costing \$48,311 that would pick up the next \$2 million.

In other business, \$5,000 was approved for the annual contract on Flock safety cameras through the County Prosecutor’s office that are used to monitor traffic on roadways.

Smart Strategies for Retirement



Stephen Dybwad “Layin’ it on the line”

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Retirement Planning/
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Maximizing Your Savings and Investments

Planning for retirement is one of the most crucial financial endeavors you will undertake in your lifetime. With the right strategies, you can ensure a comfortable and secure retirement, maximizing your savings and investments. This article will delve into smart strategies to help you make the most of your retirement planning.

Start Early and Contribute Regularly

The earlier you start saving for retirement, the more time your money has to grow. Compounding interest, where the interest earned on your investments is reinvested to earn more interest, can significantly boost your retirement savings over time. Even small, regular contributions can add up to a substantial nest egg. Automating your contributions ensures consistency and discipline, making it easier to stay on track with your retirement goals. Take Advantage of Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans Many employers offer retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans, which provide an excellent opportunity to save for retirement. These plans often come with employer matching contributions, effectively giving you free money for your retirement savings. Contribute at least enough to get the full match from your employer. Additionally, these plans often offer tax advantages, either by deferring taxes on your contributions until withdrawal (traditional 401(k)) or by providing tax-free withdrawals in retirement (Roth 401(k)).

Diversify Your Investments

Diversification is a key strategy to manage risk and optimize returns. By spreading your investments across different asset classes, such as stocks, bonds, and real estate, you reduce the impact of poor performance in any single asset. Consider your risk tolerance and investment horizon when selecting your asset allocation. Younger investors can afford to take more risks with a higher allocation to stocks, while those closer to retirement should shift towards more conservative investments to preserve their capital.

Utilize Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)

IRAs offer additional opportunities to save for retirement with tax advantages. Traditional IRAs allow for tax-deductible contributions, growing tax-deferred until withdrawal, while Roth IRAs provide tax-free growth and tax-free withdrawals in retirement. The contribution limits for IRAs are generally lower than for 401(k) plans, but they offer more flexibility in investment choices. Consider maxing out your IRA contributions each year to boost your retirement savings.

Monitor and Adjust Your Retirement Plan

Regularly reviewing and adjusting your retirement plan is crucial to staying on track. Life circumstances, market conditions, and financial goals can change over time, necessitating adjustments to your strategy. Monitor your investment performance, rebalancing your portfolio as needed to maintain your desired asset allocation. Also, keep an eye on changes to tax laws and retirement plan regulations that might impact your savings strategy.

Consider Professional Financial Advice

Navigating the complexities of retirement planning can be challenging. A professional financial advisor can provide valuable insights and personalized strategies to maximize your savings and investments. They can help you assess your financial situation, set realistic retirement goals, and develop a comprehensive plan to achieve them. While there is a cost associated with professional advice, the potential benefits in optimizing your retirement strategy can outweigh the expense.

Maximize Catch-Up Contributions

As you approach retirement age, take advantage of catch-up contributions allowed in retirement accounts like 401(k)s and IRAs. Individuals aged 50 and older can contribute additional amounts beyond the standard limits, allowing you to significantly boost your retirement savings in the final years of your career. These catch-up contributions can help make up for any shortfalls in your savings and ensure you have a more substantial nest egg for retirement.

Plan for Healthcare Costs

Healthcare can be one of the

largest expenses in retirement. Incorporating healthcare costs into your retirement planning is essential to avoid financial strain. Consider contributing to a Health Savings Account (HSA) if you are eligible, as HSAs offer tax-advantaged savings for medical expenses. Additionally, explore options for long-term care insurance to protect your savings from significant healthcare costs in the later stages of life.

Create a Withdrawal Strategy

A well-thought-out withdrawal strategy is crucial to ensuring your retirement savings last throughout your retirement. Determine the optimal order to withdraw funds from different accounts, considering tax implications and required minimum distributions (RMDs). Balancing withdrawals from taxable, tax-deferred, and tax-free accounts can help minimize taxes and extend the longevity of your retirement savings.

Stay Informed and Educated

Retirement planning is an ongoing process that requires staying informed about financial markets, investment options, and changes in retirement laws. Continuously educating yourself about retirement planning can help you make informed decisions and adapt your strategy as needed. There are numerous resources available, including books, online courses, and financial news outlets, to help you stay up-to-date and knowledgeable about retirement planning.

By implementing these smart strategies, you can maximize your savings and investments, ensuring a financially secure and comfortable retirement. Starting early, taking advantage of employer-sponsored plans, diversifying investments, utilizing IRAs, and seeking professional advice are all key steps to achieving your retirement goals. Remember, the effort you put into planning and saving for retirement today will pay off in the future, providing you with peace of mind and financial stability during your golden years.

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Jefferson County library celebrates National Library Week

BY THE COURIER STAFF

This past week has been celebrated as National Library Week as a time to celebrate the many ways libraries benefit the community.

Jefferson County Public Library, founded in 1818, has locations in Madison at 420 West Main Street and Hanover at 273 North Madison Avenue.

The library serves the community with opportunities to obtain and use information in a variety of formats, to pursue lifelong

learning, to explore recreational interests, and to better understand personal and regional heritage. In addition to books and movies, the library offers community meeting spaces, cultural and educational programs, entertainment, one-on-one computer assistance, outreach services to homebound and children, genealogy and local history research assistance, early literacy programs and reading and viewing suggestions.

The library also pro-

vides free Wi-Fi, digital collections, local history and genealogy assistance, author talks, story times, arts and crafts, notary services, meeting spaces, books, movies and more.

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April. For more information about events at Jefferson County Public Library visit www.mjcpl.org.

School board hires sports consulting service for Cub athletes

BY BOB DEMAREE

The use of sport and performance psychology consulting services by Madison Consolidated High School athletes and coaches was approved by the Madison school board at its meeting Wednesday.

The contract would not exceed \$6,000 per academic year and would be paid by the high school athletic department with services provided by Dr. Lucy laCour Higgins, a psychologist with Higgins Performance Consulting who was co-valedictorian at MCHS in 2006 and an accomplished gymnast at Madison Gymnastics World.

The services will include but not be limited to individual group and psychological coaching related to sports performance and

consultation with coaches to enhance team dynamics and athlete mental preparation, along with other related mutually agreed upon services. The athletic department will compensate Higgins for up to three hours a week for 36 weeks during the academic year with total compensation not exceed \$6,000 per academic year.

Board member Dustin Bentz, a 1998 MCHS graduate, was an athlete for the Cubs, participating in both football and wrestling, and said that “being an athlete that is really neat” to have the consulting services available to help current Madison athletes. “To have that for the coaches and athletes as another for them to utilize will be really big for our athletes and our coaches.”

In other business, the board:

- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County to provide extended summer learning opportunities for students. The club received a grant that will provide students with five weeks of introduction and summer care for free. “This is a tremendous opportunity to provide our students with a five-week education over the summer,” said Bentz, adding that at the end of programs students will be able to retake state testing if they need to do so.
- Approved hiring Mark True as School Resource Officer effective April 30. True has 25 years experience with the Indiana State Police. SRO

Cody Tetrow said, “I’m very excited to have him with our team. I can’t wait for him to start.”

- Accepted the resignation of Kenton Mahoney as Rykers’ Ridge Elementary School Principal effective March 21 and the resignation of Jennifer Amburgey as kindergarten teacher at Deputy Elementary School effective March 25. Jackie Thurston was official approved as Rykers’ Ridge interim principal effective March 5, moving her from Madison Junior High School (MJHS) assistant principal. Also, moved Brandon Frye from Dean of Students at MCHS to MJHS interim assistant principal.
- Heard a report on Madison Consolidated High School, led by Principal Ronnie Lawhead that

emphasized the need to “support the whole student, and prioritizing the quality of life beyond the diploma.” Also participating in the presentation were Frye, Assistant Principals Dan Grill and Angelia Upchurch, and teachers Kenny O’Brien and Cortney Arrowood.

- Heard a report on Anderson Elementary School, led by Principal Shelley Marshall, who is in her first year in that position, along with 22 new staff members at the school this year. Because such a high number of staff has joined the school this year, she emphasized areas of focus that included safety and well-being, and academic achievement and growth. “These areas of focus helped shape our school goals,”

she said. Also participating in the presentation were Assistant Principal Adam Jones, Behavioral Coach Lydia Reardon and Literacy Coach Jessie Zurat.

- Approved the purchase of 450 Chromebooks and 475 iPads along with cases and warranties for next school year to replace aging devices that are on the four-year refresh schedule. The total cost of the Chromebooks is \$239,796 and total iPad cost is \$315,540.
- Adopted a policy that allows the school corporation to cooperate with parents who wish to provide for religious instruction for their children, but also recognizes the responsibility to enforce the state’s attendance requirements.

TOWN

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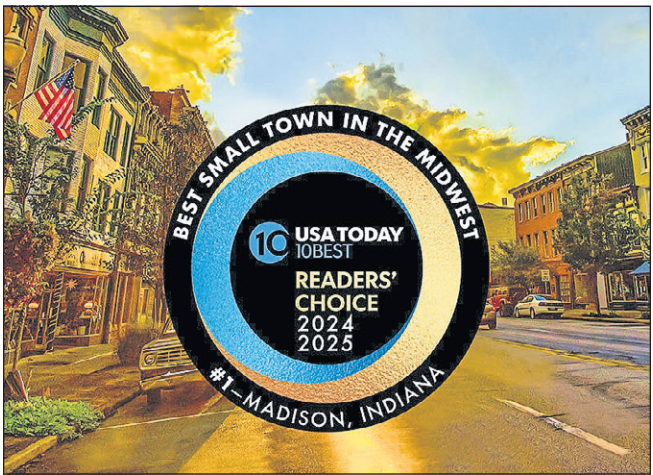
This accolade is particularly meaningful because it reflects the voices and hearts of our residents and visitors, showcasing the genuine affection and enthusiasm they hold for our town.”

Mayor Bob Courtney said, “This is an incredible honor, and we couldn’t have done it without the unwavering support of our community and visitors. Madison’s charm, events, ambassadors, and welcoming spirit continue to make it an extraordinary place to visit and live.”

Last year, Madison received the distinguished 2024 Great American Main Street Award, honoring its commitment to historic preservation and community revitalization. Also, Madison was celebrated as Community of the Year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

“We extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who voted and supported Madison in achieving these prestigious awards,” Courtney. “These honors truly celebrate the special bond shared by our residents, visitors, and dedicated community members who continually showcase what makes Madison exceptional.”

Mark Schutte, executive director and chief executive officer of Switzerland County Tourism, said it’s an honor that Vevay has now received recognition in the poll for three consecutive years. “To go 3-for-3 for a small



Handout

Madison has been named the Best Small Town in the Midwest in back to back years.

town our size out of all the towns in the Midwest, I’m ecstatic about that,” said Schutte. “To get there once might be lucky, three times isn’t. It does say something for our town and our county, and what people think of us.”

Schutte said he is also pleased for Madison’s recognition. “It’s great that Madison is No.1. They are very deserving. I am very happy for them,” adding he feels the two communities “root for each other. It’s great for both towns in this together because obviously we do feed off of each other” being neighboring counties.

REVerie Roads, the motor enthusiast regional trail experience that starts and stops in Madison, was instituted last year by Visit Madison Inc. Schutte said that is an example of the draw that southeastern Indiana has become.

“People don’t know where the lines are. They see Vevay and Madison as southeastern Indiana. The fact that both of us were top 5 two years in

a row just shows how strong the product is between the two of us. I know we get people coming from Madison and they get people coming from us, and Belterra (Casino Resort)” in Florence.

Visit Madison Inc. will be implementing an all-new trolley program this year following the purchase of two trolleys, one that arrived in November the other expected to arrive this summer.

Also, a complete rebrand and programming details will be unveiled by Visit Madison Inc., in the coming weeks, coinciding with National Travel & Tourism Week (NTTW).

In addition to Madison at first and Vevay at fourth, other Midwest communities in the top 10 were LaPorte, Indiana, second; Worthington, Ohio, third; Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, fifth; Council Grove, Kansas, sixth; Grand Haven, Michigan, seventh; Winona, Minnesota, eighth; Saugatuck, Michigan, ninth; and Mackinac Island, Michigan, 10th.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Lenten Worship & Luncheon

Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 West Main St., Madison on April 16, Noon.

Community Lenten Worship and Luncheon is being held each Wednesday at noon through April 16 leading up to Easter on Sunday, April 20.

Luncheon is at Trinity United Methodist Church on April 16.

The lunches are sponsored by the Greater Madison Ministerial Association with a church hosting a devotion from a local pastor with free lunch to follow.

EVENTS

Art Party

The SPOT, Madison Area Arts Alliance, 326 Mulberry St., Madison, on Friday, April 11, 5-8 p.m.

Three new gallery exhibits will be highlighted: Ordinary Wonders, art by Teresa

Waller; Art is Instrumental, a collaboration between Crawdaddy Music and local artists; and Over the Rainbow, a celebration of Pride with various artists. Brief talks at 6 p.m.

Mertz Trio

Presented by Madison Performing Arts Foundation

Fairfield Inn and Suites, Picker House, 110 St. Michaels Avenue, Madison on Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Pianist Fei-Fei, violinist Brigid Coleridge and cellist Julia Yang, Merz Trio present a narrative of classical music through wide-ranging interdisciplinary collaboration.

The free event is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County.

Brunch with the Bunny for Jane’s Kids

River Terrace Health Campus, 120 Presbyterian

Ave., 4th Floor on Saturday, April 12, 9-11 a.m.

A brunch and visit with the Easter Bunny fundraiser benefitting the Jane’s Kids non-profit supporting area youth.

Food for children and adults, an opportunity for kids to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny and live bunnies from area 4-H club members to see and hold.

Tickets \$5 for children, \$10 adults available at the door or at River Valley Resources in the Clearing House, 100 E. Second St., Madison.

Custer Contest

Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium, 743 Clifty Drive, Madison, Thursday, April 17, 6 p.m.

The 114th Custer Contest with five top seniors from MCHS was postponed due to last week’s weather events and has now been rescheduled.



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HEARING

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Brown said the Early Learning Center can be achieved “without placing an additional burden on our taxpayers” because upcoming debt repayments “create a unique window of opportunity allowing us to make a tax neutral investment in our community’s future.”

Jason Tanselle, director with Baker Tilly, the school corporation’s municipal advisor, said bonds will be repaid through the debt service fund.

He said the school corporation currently has six bonds that are outstanding and payable from the debt service bonds that will begin to decline in 2026 and be paid off in 2031. “This outstanding debt structure provides the school corporation with the ability to potentially replace these payments without increasing these payments above current levels, and so what this means is potentially the school corporation would be able to issue these bonds without

increasing its tax rates.” He said the maximum term of the bonds would be 20 years.

Natia Guldedava, human resources director with Royer Corporation, spoke of that company’s “enthusiastic support” for the childcare center. “Royer stands ready to help. We realize the critical need that the investment needs to be made by the community ... We believe high quality, reliable childcare will help attract and retain high quality employees.”

She said a comprehensive childcare center would “take Madison and Jefferson County to another level and improve quality of life for everyone.”

Rick Roll, managing partner of eSolve Solutions, who has been leading a process to consider the feasibility of expanding childcare and daycare options in the community, read a statement on behalf Dr. Holly Robinson and Dr. Diamond Harris, leaders of Infants in Bloom, that expressed the investment in childcare “will pay dividends not only in our schools but throughout our com-

munity ... By investing in early childhood we can also support our local industry by providing a solution to the number one barrier for women not to working, which is lack of childcare.”

Madison Deputy Mayor Tony Steinhardt III thanked the school board for “tackling a very large issue not just here in Jefferson County but throughout the state in providing us the opportunity to have childcare to help retain and attract top talent. We continue to see that as a major hurdle for us for our workforce” for Madison’s growing economy. “Madison is on a renaissance. We’re here at the right time with the right leadership to make the right choices for the future of Madison and I wholeheartedly support this project.”

School board member Michael Scott said, “It’s a lot of money, but I think we’ve presented it that we can do it and be tax neutral, not to burden taxpayers anymore than they already are. I look forward to having the second hearing next week and seeing this process go on.”

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Southwestern rolls over Shawe, Austin

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern had little trouble picking up a pair of lopsided wins over Shawe and Austin earlier this week.

Braxton Lewis and Bryton Wehner combined on a two-hit shutout in the Rebels' 13-0 win over Shawe on Wednesday in Madison. Lewis started and struck out seven in four innings while allowing two hits and walking three to get the win. Wehner pitched a scoreless seventh.

Southwestern needed only six hits to claim the win thanks to eight Shawe walks. Barron Welsh had a pair of doubles, two RBIs and scored two runs for the Rebels, Adam Traylor had a triple and an RBI, Austin Jenkins had a double, two RBIs and scored twice, and Andrew Varble had a double and scored a run.

Tyler Hill and Luis Garcia each had hits for Shawe. Traevin Liston took the loss after allowing five earned runs on three hits in an 1-2/3 innings on the mound with two strikeouts.

On Tuesday, Southwestern picked up a 12-0 win over Austin behind a two-hit shutout from Tryson Warren. Warren struck out five and walked one in five innings.

Southwestern again had only six hits as Austin committed seven errors and walked seven batters. Traylor was 2-for-3 with



Southwestern's Braxton Lewis (2) gets a handshake from teammate Barron Welsh after scoring during the Rebels' 13-0 win at Shawe on Wednesday.

a double and three RBIs, Jenkins had two hits, an RBI and scored three times, Welsh had a hit, two RBIs and two runs scored and Jeter Chatham had a hit, an RBI and two runs.

Southwestern, now 3-1 on the season, hosts Madison on Friday and hosts Rising Sun on Monday.

Shawe, now 0-1 on the year, is attempting to schedule a make-up game with Assumption (Ky.) Academy on Friday before heading to Jac-Cen-Del on Monday.

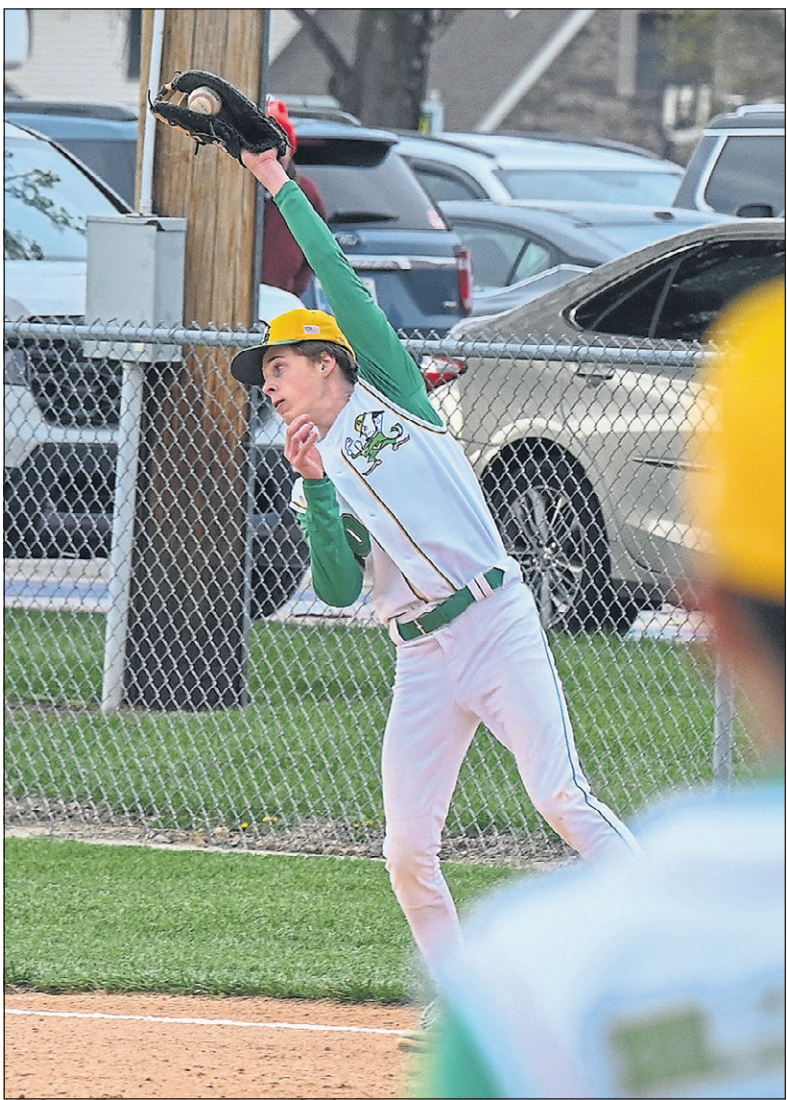
TRIMBLE DROPS THREE GAMES

Trimble County baseball lost three games during a spring break road trip to Fort Walton Beach, Florida, this week.

On Monday, the Raiders lost 13-1 to Union City (Tenn.). Dylan Penick had the Raiders' lone hit and drove in Noah Chilton for Trimble's lone run. Nolan Hunt gave up three earned runs in 4-1/3 innings and took the loss.

On Tuesday, Trimble fell 10-8

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Shawe first baseman Joey Hart reaches high to snag a fly ball in the Hilltoppers' 13-0 loss to Southwestern on Wednesday in Madison.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Madison falls to Scottsburg by five in opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys golf lost a five-stroke decision to sectional rival Scottsburg at Sunrise Golf Course on Wednesday in the Cubs' season opener.

Scottsburg shot a 170 to edge host Madison's 175. Austin was a distant third with a 230.

Madison's Landon True shot a 38 to claim low-medalist honors.

Madison competes in the Floyd Central Invitational on Saturday, hosts Seymour on Monday and hosts Jeffersonville and Silver Creek on Tuesday.

REBELS LOSE CLOSE MATCH

Southwestern boys golf opened the season with a seven-stroke loss to Seymour at Shadowood Golf Course on Tuesday.

Seymour shot a 174 to edge Southwestern with an 181. The Rebels' Wyatt Barker tied for medalist honors with a 41.

Braxton Lewis had a 44, Wayne Barker carded a 47 and Max Joseph shot a 49 for the Rebels. In non-scoring rounds, Adam Boley had a 57 and Michael Sommer a 63.

Southwestern's match at Switzerland County on Thursday was canceled. The Rebels compete in the Floyd Central Invitational on Saturday and host Scottsburg on Monday.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Shawe opens season with win over New Washington

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe girls tennis opened the 2025 season with a 5-0 sweep over New Washington Tuesday on the road.

In singles, Sarah Willhite scored a 6-0, 6-2 win at No. 1, Kelly McClure won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 and Nora May won 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 at No. 3. In doubles, Julia Leatherman and Alicia Miranda won 6-4, 6-1 at No. 1 and Lucy Wilhelm and Malaria Boswell won 7-6, 6-0.

In exhibition play, Samara Duquette and Noemie Roubiou won 8-0 and Alexa Bomholt won 6-4 and 6-1.

Shawe hosted Greensburg on Wednesday but no results for that match were available.

Shawe hosts Southwestern on Tuesday.

REBELS LOSE OPENER TO SILVER CREEK

Southwestern girls tennis suffered a 4-1 loss at Silver Creek on Monday in the Rebels' season opener.

The No. 1 doubles combo of Raygan Crawford and Ava Barnes picked up Southwestern's lone win 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 over the Dragons' Kelco Dallman and Ella Dreyer.

"Silver Creek has a strong team, but we certainly did not play close to what I had hoped," Southwestern coach Kenny Garrett said. "We were standing a lot at every position and against a team like them you had better be on your toes and ready to move. It was a good opportunity to see what we need to work on to better prepare us for the season."

In singles, Annie Ford lost 6-3, 6-1 to Alleigh Leezer at No. 1, Emma Hatton fell 6-0, 7-5 to Adri Bailey had No. 2 and Natalie LaRue lost 7-5, 6-1 to



Shawe's Sarah Willhite returns a serve during her No. 1 singles match against Greensburg on Wednesday.

Kearstin Barron at No. 3.

In doubles, Kaylee Hite and Jocelyn Johnson fell to Makayla Doherty and Shauna Lankford at No. 2, 6-1, 6-3.

Southwestern's match at South Dearborn on Wednesday was postponed. The Rebels compete in the Paoli Invitational on Saturday and head to Shawe on Tuesday.

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Shawe's Julia Leatherman reaches to return a shot at No. 1 doubles with the Hilltoppers' match with Greensburg at home on Wednesday.



LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 BASEBALL Southwestern hosts Madison, 6 p.m. GOLF Hanover College men at Illinois College, 10 a.m. SOFTBALL Madison hosts Silver Creek, 5:30 p.m. TENNIS Madison girls host Salem, 5 p.m.	SATURDAY, APRIL 12 BASEBALL Switzerland Co. at Christian Academy of Indiana, 11 a.m. Hanover College at Berea, noon (DH) GOLF Hanover College women at Spalding, 10 a.m. Madison, Southwestern boys, Floyd Central Invite, 2 p.m. LACROSSE Hanover College men hosts	Spalding, 1 p.m. Hanover College women hosts Spalding, 4 p.m. SOFTBALL Southwestern hosts Siekman Classic, 10 a.m. Switzerland Co. at Williamstown, 11 a.m. Hanover College at Berea, 1 p.m. (DH) TENNIS Madison girls, East Central Invite, 9 a.m. Southwestern girls, Paoli	Invite, 10 a.m. Hanover College men and women, at Earlham, noon TRACK & FIELD Switzerland Co., Waldron Invite, 10 a.m. VOLLEYBALL Madison boys, Jeffersonville Tournament, TBD	GOLF Hanover College women at Spalding, 10 a.m. TENNIS Hanover College men and women, at IU Southeast, 11 a.m. MONDAY, APRIL 14 BASEBALL Shawe at Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m. Switzerland Co. at South Ripley, 5 p.m. Southwestern hosts Rising	Sun, 5:30 p.m. GOLF Southwestern boys host Scottsburg, 4:30 p.m. Madison boys host Seymour, 4:45 p.m. Switzerland Co. boys at Rising Sun, 5 p.m. SOFTBALL Switzerland Co. at South Ripley 5 p.m. Southwestern hosts Rising
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Panthers baseball splits doubleheader at Rose

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover baseball came away with a doubleheader split ob Monday at Rose-Hulman, winning 5-3 and falling 6-1. Nickey Gutzwiller was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Trevor Jones had a double in the game-one win. John Girard scattered seven hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts for the win. Josh Strimpe pitched a scoreless ninth for the save. Hanover was held to just four hits in the game two loss. Simpson, Ben Brittingham, Wesley Stiller and Owen Boyce each had singles. Chris Hautman

pitched five innings and got the loss. Hanover, now 10-15 overall and 6-4 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, travels to Berea (Ky.) for two games on Saturday and hosts Manchester for two games on Sunday. The Panthers then travel to Transylvania (Ky.) on Friday, April 18. Hanover men’s lacrosse rolled to a 17-8 win at Anderson on Wednesday. Alex Kleinhelter had four goals and two assists for the Panthers, Kasey Hospelhorn had three goals and two assists, Ethan Abdoo had three

goals and Owen Parker had two goals and two assists. Lance Guttormson posted nine saves and Matthew Hillard had two saves in goal. Hanover, now 8-3 overall and 1-1 in the HCAC, hosts Spalding (Ky.) on Saturday and hosts Earlham on Saturday, April 19. Hanover women’s lacrosse picked up an 11-6 win at Franklin on Wednesday. Abby Mensing scored four goals for the Panthers, Mallory Mahin added three goals and Quinn Cherry had two.

Emma Williams had five saves in goal. Hanover, now 1-6 overall and 1-1 in the HCAC, hosts Transylvania (Ky.) on Saturday and hosts Anderson on Saturday, April 19. Hanover women’s golf placed third out of five teams in the French Lick Classic on Sunday and Monday. The Panthers shot a 547. Carthage (Wis.) had a 514 to win the event and was three strokes better than runner-up Transylvania. Hanover’s Taylor Caldwell tied for second overall with a two-round total of a 125 (43-82). Kami Cooper

tied for eighth with a 134 (45-89), Addison Livorno tied for 15th with a 141 (47-94) and Madelyn Arrhenholz was 19th with a 147 (48-99). Franklin’s Jenna Imel, a Madison Consolidated High School graduate, finished 21st with a 161 (52-109). Hanover competes at Spalding (Ky.) on Saturday and Sunday. The Panthers then compete at Millikin (Ohio) on April 25-26. Quiet bats cost Hanover softball a doubleheader sweep at the hands of Transylvania Wednesday on the road.

The Panthers managed only a LauRie Harmless single in a 9-1 loss in the opener. Lauren Beaman gave up three earned runs in five innings for the loss. Hanover was no-hit in an 8-0 loss in game two. Meanwhile, Lulu Van Beek allowed five earned runs on four and two-thirds innings for the loss. Hanover, now 7-13 overall and 3-3 in the HCAC, heads to Berea (Ky.) for two games on Saturday and hosts Manchester for two on Sunday. The Panthers then host Rose-Hulman on Wednesday.

Siakam leads Pacers to 5th straight win

INDIANAPOLIS — Pascal Siakam scored 24 points and had 10 rebounds, Tyrese Haliburton had 22 points and the Indiana Pacers won their fifth straight game, 104-98 over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night. Bennedict Mathurin had 17 for the Pacers who pulled away late for the win. Justin Champagnie had 20 points and 13 rebounds for Washington, while Alex Sarr had 20 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks as Washington lost its third in a row and for the sixth time in its last seven games. Wizards backup forward Anthony

Gill left the game with right hamstring soreness after going scoreless in 7 minutes. The Wizards scored just 13 second-quarter points but game was still tied at 48-48 at half. **TAKEAWAYS** The lottery-bound Wizards, who are in last place in the Eastern Conference, took their 62nd loss. Two losses in their final three games would give them the second-worst record in franchise history, better than only last season (15-67). The Pacers, who took a three-game lead on Milwaukee into the night, moved one step closer to

clinching the No. 4 seed and home-court advantage for the first round of the playoffs. **KEY MOMENT** Siakam’s basket with 2:04 to play gave the Pacers the lead for good at 94-92, then Aaron Nesmith and Myles Turner hit 3-pointers down the stretch to put the game away. Turner’s 3 with 53 seconds to play made it 100-94. **KEY STAT** The Pacers took 37 free throws and hit 29 of them, while the Wizards were 11 of 15 from the line.

Southwestern softball rolls over Rock Creek

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern softball returned from a long layoff to post 24-6 win at home over Rock Creek Academy on Wednesday. The Rebels had not played since April 1, but rapped out 19 hits while drawing 13 walks and benefiting from seven errors in the win. Nearly every player in uniform for Southwestern picked up a hit. Rorie Scroggins was 3-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and three runs scored; Myah Hofelich had three hits, an RBI and three runs scored; Riley Crawford was 2-for-3 with a home run, three RBIs and two runs; Lily Fox had two doubles, five RBIs and two runs; Baleigh McAfee was 2-for-3 with a triple and three runs; Macey Morrison had two hits, three RBIs and

two runs scored; Jenna Owens had two hits, an RBI and a run scored Paisley Hendrix had a double, two RBIs and two runs; Chloey Leach had a hit, two RBIs and scored four runs; and Savannah Childress had a hit, an RBI and scored a run. Leach picked up the win in the circle after pitching two scoreless innings with four strikeouts. Childress struck out three and allowed four unearned runs in two innings and McAfee gave up two unearned runs in an inning of relief. Southwestern, now 2-1 on the season, hosted Trinity Lutheran on Thursday and hosts the Sue Siekman Invitational on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. The Rebels then host Rising Sun on Monday.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF
• Shawe Junior High baseball picked up an 8-6 win over Rising Sun on Monday. Taylor Ralston pitched five good innings striking out eight for the Hilltoppers. Kellen Martin came in and shut down the rally in the sixth and closed it out for the win in the seventh and had three strikeouts. Patrick Kahn had three hits while Clark Nichter added two. The Hilltopps had 21 stolen bases in the game. Shawe is now 1-0 on the season. • Madison Parks and Recreation Department is offering coed T-Ball for children ages 4-6 this summer.

In addition to the return of T-ball, Madison Parks and Recreation will also offer youth baseball and softball programs for older children. A Rookie League will be available for kids ages 7-10, with skill-level-based instruction emphasizing fun and growth. For children ages 10 and older, Minor League Baseball and Softball will provide opportunities for scrimmages and skill development in an instructional setting. The Major League will offer a similar format for participants ages 12 and up, focusing on advanced skill-building through scrimmages rather than official games.

Practice for all leagues will begin the week of May 2 with schedules determined based on the number of teams and available coaches. Each participant will receive a team T-shirt and baseball cap for the season. Registration is \$25, and families can register online at madison-in.gov/summersports. Families with children outside the recommended age range are encouraged to contact Whitney Burdzilauskas at wburdzilauskas@madison-in.gov to discuss enrollment options. Those interested in coaching are also encouraged to reach out to Burdzilauskas.

‘Why can’t I do that?’ Men on balance beam, women on rings; in one gymnastics group, anything goes

BY WILL GRAVES
AP NATIONAL WRITER
PITTSBURGH — Brody Penn tried every sport as a kid. He started with gymnastics, but his parents worried the gym was too far away. So they signed him up for baseball and soccer, only to have a familiar scene play out over and over. The games would start, and Penn would inevitably find himself turning cartwheels. “My family was like, ‘You know what? Maybe you should just be in gymnastics,’” said Penn, now a student at Ohio State. “And so I went back to gymnastics.” More specifically, Penn went back to men’s gymnastics. He competed as a Level 10 in the USA Gymnastics system in high school, one step short of elite. Penn just didn’t find happiness. Not true happiness anyway. Asked what drew him to the sport in the first place, Penn doesn’t talk about pommel horse or parallel bars — two of the six men’s apparatuses — but floor routines set to music, a staple on the women’s side. “It’s about artistry, it’s about emotion,” he said. “I couldn’t stop watching it.” He just couldn’t do it. Sure, there were times when Penn would hop on



Gene J. Puskar — AP

Brody Penn of Ohio State Club Gymnastics team warms up on the balance beam at the 2025 NAIGC national competition in Pittsburgh on April 4.
the balance beam during practice, but only when his coach’s head was turned. Why? “It was always sort of like a forbidden thing,” he said. It’s not in the National Intercollegiate Association of Gymnastics Clubs, which has taken the sport’s gender norms and practically erased them. The NAIGC gives its athletes the freedom to compete in whatever discipline they want. **GYMNASTICS A LA CARTE** For Penn, now a member of the Ohio State University Club Gymnastics Team, that meant the opportunity to lean into the things that made him fall in love with the sport in the first place. He’s hardly the only one. The NAIGC offers “Unif

community team. It’s not that way in the decathlon and the omnithon — which are the 10 artistic events plus trampoline and tumbling. In those events, athletes compete against everyone else at their level, regardless of gender identity. “It’s pretty beautiful, really,” said Penn, who took first in the decathlon in the open/advanced group at nationals. “It’s a great vibe.” It’s also, in a way, a great equalizer. **PICKING AN EVENT** Julia Sharpe had two brothers who did men’s gymnastics growing up. She joined the gym on the women’s side and had plenty of success. But it was kind of boring. Sharpe started experimenting with men’s events during what the MIT club gymnastics team called “switch day” more than a decade ago. She was hooked. “The men actually have variety,” said Sharpe, who finished third in the decathlon at nationals behind Penn and just ahead of her husband, Nate. “There’s all these different things that they get to do. Rings and parallel bars are just completely different. I just thought it would be cool to try those other things.” **SEE BEAM/PAGE B7**

Shawe boys pick up track win at New Washington

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Shawe boys track & field picked up a victory over New Washington Tuesday on the road. Nick Schultz won the 200-meter dash in 28.07 for the Hilltoppers and was second in the long jump at 12 feet, 4.5 inches. Gus Schafer won the shot put at 33 feet, 1 inch and Wes Schafer was second in the shot put at 22 feet, 2.75 inches. Jorge Ambrosio

was second in the 400 dash in 1:08.85. On the girls side, Ava Flint won the 200 dash in 32.25, Maria Ameca-Mendoza was second in the 200 dash in 32.63 and Sol Ramirez recorded a distance of 9 feet, 6.5 inches in the long jump. Shawe competed at Jac-Cen-Del on Thursday and heads to Crothersville next Tuesday.

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to Van Buren (Ohio). Hunt had a hit and two RBIs for the Raiders, Liam Taylor had a hit and scored twice and Kevin Kidwell had a double. Kane Walls gave up two unearned runs in two innings and was tagged with the loss.

On Wednesday, Trimble lost 15-0 to host Fort Walton Beach. Penick, Nate Hance and Chilton each had singles for the Raiders and Penick suffered the loss after getting tagged for nine unearned runs in three innings. Trimble, now 2-8 on the season, travels to Carroll County next Tuesday before hosting the Panthers on Thursday.

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MADISON FALLS TO PROVIDENCE
Madison girls tennis suffered a 5-0 loss at home to Providence on Wednesday. In singles, Ruby Wiloughby lost 6-0, 6-0 to Lydia Renn and Shelby Blake at No. 1 and Chloe Jones and Laura Boles lost 6-0, 6-0 to Ava Mahan and Grace Kaiser at No. 2. Madison hosted Lawrenceburg on Thursday and hosts Salem on Friday. The Cubs then compete in the East Central Invitational on Saturday before hosting Trinity Lutheran next Tuesday.

CALENDAR

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Sun, 5:30 p.m.	TENNIS Carroll Co., Trimble Co., NCKC Tourney at Carroll Co., 5 p.m.	VOLLEYBALL Madison boys host New Albany, 7 p.m.	Madison hosts Floyd Central, 6 p.m.	GOLF Madison boys host Jeffersonville, Silver Creek, 4:30 p.m.	SOFTBALL Carroll Co. hosts Trimble Co.,	5:30 p.m. Madison at Jeffersonville, 5:30 p.m.	TENNIS Shawe girls host Southwestern, 4:30 p.m. Carroll Co., Trimble Co., NCKC Tourney at Carroll Co.,	5 p.m. Madison girls host Trinity Lutheran, 5 p.m.	TRACK & FIELD Shawe at Crothersville, 5 p.m. Switzerland Co. hosts Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun,	5 p.m. Trimble Co. at North Oldham, 5 p.m. Madison at South Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.	VOLLEYBALL Madison boys at Silver Creek, 7 p.m.
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Florida rallies to 3rd national title 65-63 over Houston

Clayton Jr's defensive stop denies Cougars

BY EDDIE PELLIS
AP NATIONAL WRITER

SAN ANTONIO — Florida's Walter Clayton Jr. came up with the perfect going-away present for that spirit-crushing Houston defense that bullied, battered and bedeviled him all night.

It was a defensive gem of his own. Right before the buzzer. For the win and the national title.

The Gators and Clayton somehow overcame Houston's lockdown intensity, along with a 12-point deficit Monday night to will out a 65-63 victory in an NCAA title-game thriller decided when the Florida senior's own D stopped the Cougars from even taking a game-winning shot at the buzzer.

Clayton finished with 11 points, all in the second half. What he'll be remembered for most was getting Houston's Emanuel Sharp to stop in the middle of his motion as he tried to go up for the game-winning 3 in the final seconds.

"Just go 100 percent," Clayton said when asked what he was trying to do at the finish. "We were just trying to get a stop, and we happened to get it. I'm happy we got it done."

With Sharp looking for room, Clayton ran at him. The Houston guard dropped the ball and,



AP photo Brynn Anderson

Florida men's basketball celebrates with NCAA championship trophy after their 65-63 win over Houston in the title game of the 2025 college basketball tourney on Monday in San Antonio.

unable to pick it up lest he get called for traveling, watched it bounce.

Alex Condon dived on the ball, then flipped it to Clayton, who ran to the opposite free-throw line with the buzzer sounding and tugged his jersey out of his shorts. Next, the court was awash in Gator chomps and orange and blue confetti.

"We guarded them hard and then I saw the ball loose and I just hoped we beat them to the ball," Florida coach Todd Golden said.

This marked the fourth comeback in six March Madness wins for the Gators (36-4). They led this game for a total of 64 seconds, including the last 46 ticks of a contest

that was in limbo until the final shot that never came.

Houston coach Kelvin Sampson called it "incomprehensible" that the Cougars couldn't get a shot off on either of their last two possessions.

About the last one, Sampson said: "Clayton made a great play. But that's why you've got to shot fake and get into the paint. Two's fine."

Will Richard had 18 points to keep the Gators in it, and they won their third overall title and first since Billy Donovan went back-to-back in 2006-07.

This time, it's Golden, in his third year, bringing the title back to Gainesville, where the Gator faithful can celebrate a

win on one of college sports' grandest stages for the first time since Tim Tebow was playing quarterback for the football team in 2008.

This was the first hoops title for the Southeastern Conference since Kentucky in 2012, and the outcome the power conference was hoping for (expecting?) after placing a record 14 teams in the tournament.

The Cougars (35-5) and Sampson were denied their first championship, and ended up in the same spot as the colorful Phi Slama Jama teams from the 1980s — oh-so-close in second place.

This was a defensive brawl — the Gators failed to crack 70 for only the

second time all season — and for most of the night, Clayton got the worst of it.

He was 0 for 4 from the field without a point through the first half. Met at the top of the circle, then double-teamed and trapped when necessary, he didn't score until hitting two free throws with 14:57 left.

The player who scored at least 30 points in the last two games, who averaged 24.6 through the first five games of the tournament, who almost singlehandedly outscored UConn and Texas Tech down the stretch of those March Madness comebacks, finished with one 3-pointer. Before that, he had a pair of three-point plays off drives to the hoop that kept the Gators in striking range. He finished 3 for 10.

He also became part of not one, but two stops that put these Gators in the history book, and possibly cemented himself as the best basketball player to wear the orange and blue.

After Alijah Martin made two free throws to put Florida ahead 64-63 — its first lead since 8-6 — the Gators lured Sharp into a triple-team in the corner, where Clayton pressured him, and then Richard got him to dribble the ball off his leg and out of bounds.

Florida made one free throw on the next possession and that set up the finale.

The ball first went to L.J. Cryer, who led the Cougars with 19 points. Blanketed by Richard, he threw to Sharp, who was moving to spot up for a 3 when Clayton ran at him. That left him with no choice but to let the ball go.

"It was a great defensive play by Walter," Condon said. "I just dived on it, and hearing the buzzer go was a crazy feeling."

Instead of the 69-year-old Sampson becoming the oldest coach to win the title, the 39-year-old Golden becomes the youngest since N.C. State's Jim Valvano in 1983 to win it all.

This gut-wrenching loss came two nights after the Cougars fashioned a wild comeback of their own, from 14 down against Duke.

All three Final Four games were decided down the stretch, none by more than Florida's six-point win over Auburn on Saturday. Any thought that the men's game had been overtaken by the increasingly popular women will probably go on hold at least for a year.

The three women's Final Four games, capped by UConn's blowout of South Carolina on Sunday, were decided by an average of 24.7 points.

"When it gets down to the two best teams left," Sampson said of the thriller he barely lost, "it's not going to be easy for either team."

Gators atop final men's AP Top 25

BY AARON BEARD
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Florida is No. 1 in the final Associated Press Top 25 men's college basketball poll of the 2024-25 season after winning the national championship.

The Gators (36-4) received all 61 first-place votes Tuesday, the second year the AP has released its last poll after the completion of the NCAA Tournament. Todd Golden's team beat Houston 65-63 on Monday night to clinch the program's third national title and first since Billy Donovan's repeat titles in 2006 and 2007.

The win also lifted Florida to the top spot in the poll for the first time since the last four polls of the 2013-14 season.

"Obviously we have an incredibly talented group, one of the most talented groups individually in America," Golden said after the title-clinching win. "I do think what separates us and has separated us all season long is our team talent, how our guys have played together and for each other all year. Because of that, we can call each other national champions for the rest of our lives."

Houston (35-5) remained at No. 2 after its first title-game appearance since 1984, capping a season that saw Kelvin Sampson's Cougars reach the Final Four for the second time in five seasons and beat Duke (35-4) in the national semifinals with a shocking late comeback.

The Blue Devils — who were No. 1 in the last two polls before March Madness — were third in what amounted to a swap with the Gators as the only change to the top quartet. Auburn (32-6) stayed at No. 4 after falling to Florida in the Alamodome, rounding out only the second all-chalk Final Four of 1-seeds since seeding began in 1979.

THE TOP TIER

Tennessee was fifth and Alabama sixth, joining Florida and Auburn as the headliners for the Southeastern Conference in a year in which the league regularly had the most AP Top 25 teams on the way to earning a record 14 tournament bids.

Michigan State was next at No. 7, followed by Texas Tech, which had Florida on the brink of defeat in the Elite Eight

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Sampson watches another title slip away

BY AARON BEARD
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

SAN ANTONIO — All Kelvin Sampson could do was stand there, hands on hips with a blank look on his face, as the ball bounced loose and Houston's latest chance at a national title bounced away, too.

The coach who has commanded all details over a 36-year career of wins, losses and a few Final Fours couldn't do anything about this one. The last-second blunder ended in a 65-63 loss to Florida on Monday night.

It took years for the 69-year-old coaching lifer to turn Houston into one of college basketball's top programs again — one built on defense, toughness, rebounding and doing things a certain, hard-nosed way. Sampson rehabilitated his image too, the pariah who nobody understood becoming an almost-lovable beacon for how to connect with players and do things the "right" way.

But there was no escape from the anguish this time, from squandering a 12-point second-half lead to that final-play turnover that sent Sampson into the offseason stuck on win No. 799 in a winding-road career.

"There's always going to be naysayers and negative nellys and all that stuff, but that's where your faith and your family is way more important than any of that stuff," Sampson said outside Houston's locker room in the Alamodome. "And protecting these kids, I care more protecting them right now to make sure they know what a great year they had. What an awesome, awesome, awesome year they had."

The game ended with Houston (35-5) — which finished at No. 2 in the final AP Top 25 poll Tuesday — unable to even get up a shot on its last two possessions, a fact Sampson called

"incomprehensible." On one, Emanuel Sharp drove the right side but had the ball stripped and lost it out of bounds with 26.6 seconds left and Houston down one.

Moments later, Houston had its second chance to go ahead. The ball again went to Sharp, who tried to fire a 3-pointer on the catch only to see a hard closeout by Florida star Walter Clayton Jr. coming his way.

Stuck in the air, he tried to dribble the ball to avoid a turnover and was forced to let it bounce, the ball hitting the court with about 4.5 seconds left and then continuing to bounce for another 2-plus precious seconds. Finally Florida's Alex Condon dove for the ball, sending Houston's Ja'Vier Francis to the floor and killing the final moments of the Cougars' title dream.

Moments later, as the confetti started to fall for the Gators, Sampson walked with his head down to the edge of the court as though trying to make sense of what had just happened. He descended the steps, then started making his way up the lane through the heaviest concentration of red-clad Houston fans in a painful march to the locker room.

"I wanted it so bad for him," said Houston big man J'Wan Roberts, who played five seasons for Sampson after a red-shirt year. "So, so, so bad. And it hurts. Coach Sampson, the role that he played in my life, I can't even put into words."

It was nearly the highlight of a career that started as a Michigan State graduate assistant under Jud Heathcote. His path ran through Washington State, Oklahoma — where he guided the Sooners to the 2002 Final Four — and Indiana before his career ran into a ditch there due to an NCAA probe and triggered this successful second act.

Along the way, the two-time Associated Press national coach of the year has rolled with the rapidly changing college landscape. Players can move freely through the transfer portal and profit from their athletic fame through use of their name, image and likeness (NIL).

"In his mind, he's like, 'Look I'll deal with whatever is told to us,' " Houston athletic director Eddie Nuñez said. "More impressive than anything else for me is seeing him and how unbelievable he has been in being agile and understanding how to evolve. Everyone says he's old school but the reality is, he gets it and surrounds himself with his son and other people who can help him with NIL, revenue share. Whatever's laid out, we'll do it."

And yet, Sampson still talked at the Final Four in a way befitting his early coaching days at tiny Montana Tech.

"I love coaching basketball, I love teaching," Sampson said. "I don't know what I would have been good at had I not been a coach because that's the only thing I've ever been. But I think I would have enjoyed being a teacher, too, because I enjoy teaching stuff and seeing kids learn and apply it, have success with it. I choose to focus on that stuff more so than the portal."

Ousted from IU due to an NCAA probe into Sampson making too many recruiting phone calls, he received a five-year show cause penalty in 2008 that kept him out of the college ranks until his return at Houston in 2014.

Sampson found refuge there after spending his exile in the NBA, while he offered the school the dream of reconnecting with its history tied to the famed Phi Slama Jama era in the 1980s — which before this year had marked the program's only two trips to the NCAA title game — behind a coach with a

proven record for winning.

By his third season, Sampson had the Cougars back in March Madness. They won 33 games in his fourth, then two years later had the Cougars back in the Final Four in 2021 — the program's first since Hakeem Olajuwon and coach Guy Lewis led them to the 1984 title game before falling to Patrick Ewing and Georgetown.

The Indianapolis bubble run of four years ago eliminated any doubt about Houston's arrival as a national power. It's all rooted in Sampson's vision, built in his image by demanding an unyielding fight and work ethic going back to his upbringing in eastern North Carolina.

His team had put that on display all season, most recently with an improbable comeback in the final minute to stun Duke in Saturday's national semifinals. Then came Monday night's finale, leading just about the entire way and keeping Clayton under control after the Gators star had torn through March Madness.

The Cougars just couldn't finish it out on a night when they shot just 34.8%, including 6 of 25 from 3-point range, putting too much weight on the defense to carry them home.

"I'm just proud of the way we fought all season," leading scorer L.J. Cryer said.

And in the end, Sampson couldn't find the answer. Instead, he spent 20 extra minutes after his postgame news conference talking it all out with reporters, an unusual sight for the losing coach on the final Monday night of the season.

"Disappointing," he said. "But we didn't lose in the first round. We didn't lose in the CBI. We lost in the national championship game, to the best team the SEC has. We fought them tooth and nail down to the end, and I'm proud of my team."

Florida's comeback win over Houston draws 18.1 million to CBS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK — Florida's comeback victory over Houston in Monday night's NCAA title game was the most-watched championship game in six years.

The Gators' 65-63 victory averaged 18.1 million viewers on CBS according to early numbers from Nielsen, a 22% increase over last year's game on TBS, TNT and truTV. The audience

peaked at 21.1 million during the game's final minutes.

It is the first time since Virginia's overtime victory over Texas Tech in 2019 that the championship game has averaged above 18 million. The CBS broadcast that year averaged 19.63 million.

The three Final Four games averaged 16.4 million, its best audience in eight years and up 21% from 2024.

Saturday's national semifinals averaged 15.5 million, its highest in eight years.

The men's tournament averaged 10.2 million on CBS, TBS, TNT and truTV, a 3% increase over last year.

Connecticut's 82-59 win over South Carolina in the women's title game averaged 8.6 million on ABC and peaked at 9.8 million. That is down from last

year's record audience of 18.9 million for South Carolina-Iowa in what was Caitlin Clark's last college game.

It is a 75% increase though from the UConn-South Carolina final in 2022, which was on ESPN.

Friday night's national semifinals averaged 3.9 million, the third-highest since ESPN acquired the rights in 1996.

Great starting pitching not enough for Reds, ChiSox early

BY NOAH TRISTER
AP BASEBALL WRITER

The Cincinnati Reds and Chicago White Sox both got brilliant stretches from their starting rotations — and largely wasted them.

Chicago’s starters did not allow an earned run through the first four games of the season, but the White Sox split those games and then lost five in a row once their rotation came back to earth. The Reds lost three straight games 1-0 from Tuesday through Thursday. The only other team in the live ball era to lose 1-0 in three straight games was the 1960 Philadelphia Phillies.

That Philadelphia team finished 36 games under .500, in large part because it batted .239 on the season. Those 1-0 defeats were a better reflection of the Phillies’ batting than their pitching.

The Reds will hope for the opposite. Right-hander Hunter Greene began living up to his potential last year and has allowed three runs over his first two starts of 2025. Brady Singer, acquired from Kansas City in the offseason, threw seven one-hit innings in his

Cincinnati debut.

Lefty Nick Lodolo has yielded two earned runs in 12 ²/₃ innings.

Although the Reds were shut out three straight times by Texas and Milwaukee, that came immediately after Cincinnati’s offense put up 14 runs in a win over the Rangers. The Reds also beat the Brewers 11-7 on Saturday.

For the White Sox, the future looks a lot more challenging. Chicago actually did have a couple bright spots last year on its way to 121 losses, but Erick Fedde was dealt to St. Louis in July and then Garrett Crochet was traded to Boston during the offseason.

Even without Fedde and Crochet, Chicago’s rotation was sharp its first time through, but reality has set in since then. The White Sox have allowed 32 runs in their last five games.

DOWN LOWER

Speaking of good pitching numbers in an unexpected spot, Colorado’s starters have posted a 2.61 ERA through 48 ¹/₃ innings so far. That hasn’t been enough for the Rockies, who managed just 18 runs

through their first eight games and lost seven of them.

Don’t assume the thin air at Coors Field has suddenly become a non-factor. Colorado began the season with seven straight road games against Tampa Bay and Philadelphia.

But even when the Rockies opened their home schedule against the Athletics, their starters were able to get through five innings in all three games, and Colorado’s offense finally broke out in a 12-5 win Sunday.

FIRST IMPRESSION

The Athletics finally played their first three home games for the fans in the Sacramento area, and it wasn’t pretty. They were swept by the Chicago Cubs, outscored 35-9 over the series,

That was more runs than the A’s allowed in their first three home games the entire time they were in Oakland. In fact, it was a record for the whole franchise history. The Athletics gave up 31 runs in their first three home games in 1922,

when the team represented Philadelphia.

TRIVIA TIME

Nathan Eovaldi pitched the first complete game in the majors this season when the Rangers beat Cincinnati on Tuesday night in one of those 1-0 games. Who is the last Texas pitcher besides Eovaldi to throw a complete game?

LINE OF THE WEEK

Martín Pérez threw six hitless innings in his debut for the White Sox on Monday, a 9-0 rout of Minnesota. He struck out nine with three walks.

COMEBACK OF THE WEEK

The Houston Astros trailed 7-1 in the fifth inning Sunday against Minnesota before rallying to tie the game on a two-run homer by Yordan Alvarez in the ninth. Houston eventually won 9-7 in 10 innings.

The Twins had a win probability of 97.9% after taking a six-run lead in the fourth, according to Baseball Savant.

TRIVIA ANSWER

Jon Gray in 2023.



Carolyn Kaster/AP photo

Cincinnati Reds pitcher Hunter Greene throws in the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers on April 2 in Cincinnati.

Yastrzemski’s homer in 10th lets Giants avoid sweep

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Yastrzemski hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning, Jung Hoo Lee had three hits including a triple and a double, and the San Francisco Giants rallied from a five-run deficit for an 8-6 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday.

Wilmer Flores had three hits including a home run for San Francisco, which avoided a three-game series sweep.

Yastrzemski homered off Emilio Pagan (0-1) with automatic runner Matt Chapman at third.

Elly De La Cruz had a two-run double and Gavin Lux singled in two for Cincinnati in a five-run

third inning.

The Giants trailed 6-1 in the sixth when Patrick Bailey tripled in a run during a four-run inning. Flores homered leading off the eighth to tie it.

Reds starter Nick Martinez struck out eight and gave up four runs on seven hits and a walk in 5 ²/₃ innings.

REDS 1, GIANTS 0

Hunter Greene came within one out of a complete game, outlasting Logan Webb in an old-fashioned pitchers’ duel between All-Star starters, and the Cincinnati Reds beat the San Francisco Giants 2-0 on Monday night to stop their seven-game winning

streak.

Blake Dunn hit a two-run double off reliever Erik Miller in the eighth inning, and Tony Santillan shut the door in the ninth for Cincinnati.

Greene (1-1) gave up four hits, struck out seven and walked one. He retired the first two batters in the ninth, but then Jung Hoo Lee singled and Matt Chapman walked.

The 25-year-old Greene was pulled after 104 pitches, and Santillan fell behind 3-1 in the count to Heliot Ramos before he lined out to left field, ending a game that took only 2 hours, 9 minutes.

It was the fifth career save for Santillan. The other four came in 2022.

REDS 1, GIANTS 0

Nick Lodolo pitched six sharp innings and outdueling Landen Roupp, and the Cincinnati Reds shut out the San Francisco Giants for a second straight game with a 1-0 win Tuesday night.

Jose Trevino’s RBI groundout in the third was the difference in the 2-hour, 5-minute game.

Spencer Steer hit a pair of doubles for the Reds — his first two this year — and Gavin Lux doubled and singled, but this marked another low-scoring game between the clubs after the Reds snapped San Francisco’s seven-game win streak with a 2-0 victory on Mon-

day.

Lodolo (2-1) gave up three hits. Graham Ashcraft pitched two innings before Emilio Pagan earned his second save, finishing a four-hitter.

Roupp (0-1) surrendered seven hits in six innings in his second start of 2025.

Hayden Birdsong relieved and kept the Giants in it, getting a groundout and pair of swinging strikeouts in the ninth after Lux led off with a double.

It was Cincinnati’s fourth 1-0 game this month. It dropped the first two.

Reds place 2B McLain on IL with hamstring injury

SAN FRANCISCO — Cincinnati Reds second baseman Matt McLain was placed on the 10-day injured list on Tuesday with a strained left hamstring that the team expects will heal quickly by giving him some days to rest.

Manager Terry Francona said McLain had been bothered by the leg in recent days and it made sense to get him off his legs and be cautious in the hope that he can come back in a week.

“There’s just so much baseball left to play that

it just didn’t seem like it made a lot of sense to try to push through this right now,” Francona said before the Reds played the middle game of their three-game series against the San Francisco Giants.

McLain was batting .214 with three home runs and five RBIs over eight games, including seven starts at second base. Without him, the Reds’ depth is tested given Spencer Steer is currently unavailable to play the field because of a tender throwing shoulder — and he was the designated hit-

ter batting seventh Tuesday.

Steer began the season on the IL still dealing with a lingering right shoulder issue that he played through last year. He received a cortisone shot in the shoulder March 1 at spring training.

Gavin Lux was set to start at second in McLain’s place on Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, Cincinnati optioned right-hander Carson Spiers to Triple-A Louisville and recalled infielder Noelvi Marte and outfielder Will Benson from Louisville.

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before Gators star Walter Clayton Jr. sparked a wild comeback. A Big Ten duo of Maryland and Michigan rounded out the top 10.

CLIMBING INTO SET POSITION

Purdue had the biggest jump, rising eight spots to No. 14 after a Sweet 16 loss to Houston on a last-second basket on a perfectly executed inbound play. No. 12 Kentucky and No. 15 Arizona were next, each rising six spots after their own runs to the tournament’s second week.

In all, 12 teams moved up from the pre-tournament poll into their final position.

ONE LAST SLIDE

Louisville had the biggest tumble, falling 11 spots to No. 21 after the Cardinals entered March Madness

ranked 10th but received only an 8-seed and suffered a first-round loss to Creighton. Fellow Atlantic Coast Conference program Clemson was next with a 10-spot tumble to No. 22 after a first-round loss to 12th-seeded McNeese.

No. 25 Memphis fell nine spots after being shorthanded in a loss to 12th-seeded Colorado State, while No. 11 St. John’s fell six spots after shooting 28% in its second-round loss to Arkansas.

In all, eight teams fell from the pre-tournament poll.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

John Calipari’s Arkansas Razorbacks checked in at No. 20 after reaching the Sweet 16, joining No. 18 Ole Miss as the final poll’s two additions. Like Arkansas, the Rebels upended a higher-seeded team (Iowa State) to reach the second weekend. Both were ranked previously this season.

Missouri (No. 23) and

Oregon (No. 25) fell out from the pre-tournament poll.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The SEC led the way with eight ranked teams, a haul that included No. 19 Texas A&M. The Big 12 and Big Ten were next with five ranked teams each, followed by the ACC with three. The West Coast Conference had two and the American Athletic Conference and Big East each had one.

THE FINAL TALLY

Florida’s rise to No. 1 meant five different teams held the top spot of the AP Top 25 this season, starting with Kansas for the preseason and the first four weeks of the regular season. Tennessee followed for five weeks, then Auburn for eight and finally Duke for the last two pre-tournament polls. In all, 50 teams spent at least one week in the poll this season.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39D01-2408-MF-000744 wherein The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2004-3, NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-3 was Plaintiff, and Gregory G. Burdick; Oredas Burdick were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22 day of May, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 AM or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.
Lot 93 in Audubon Park Addition, Madison Township, Jefferson County, Indiana. See plat recorded in Plat Book 2, page 123, in the Recorder's Office of Jefferson County, Indiana.
More commonly known as: 3335 North Quail Drive, Madison, IN 47250
State Parcel No.: 39-08-15-441-051.000-006
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Plaintiff Attorney
ATTORNEY NO. 15-24-00979
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579
Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County
MADISON TOWNSHIP
3335 North Quail Drive, Madison, IN 47250
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
NOTICE
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Date: Monday, April 7th, 2025
Address: 6531 SR 13, Pendleton, IN 46064
Time: 9:00 AM Local Time
By virtue of default by M & M Core LLC
(Individually and collectively "Client"), under a Negotiable Promissory Note and Security Agreement(s), Security Agreement(s) Promissory Note(s), Lease Agreement(s) and related documents dated July 29, 2022; October 6, 2022 and December 12, 2022, payable to Commercial Credit Group Inc. ("CCG"), which obligation is secured by the property described below (the "Equipment"), CCG will sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, AS-IS, WHERE-IS, WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR ANY WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, all of its right, title and interest to the following Equipment:
(1) 2019 Hyundai HX220L Excavator Equipped with ESCO Quick Coupler S/N CN2003949, Werk Brau Main PinThumb S/N EZGEX20-80 (S/N HHKHK601AK0001193)
(1) 2015 Volvo VNL Day Cab with D13 455hp engine and ATO2612D Volvo automatic transmission (S/N 4V4NC9EH0FN937561)
(1) 2019 Caterpillar MH 3024 Material Handler with 38' 2-Piece Material Handling Boom & Stick with used 5-Time Grapple (S/N FB700586)

Terms:
Successful bidder must pay 25% of purchase price at time of sale via cash, certified or acceptable bank check, with the balance payable in good funds on the next business day, unless:
1. The bidder has pre-qualified by presenting CCG with a written non-contingent, lending commitment from a source and in a form acceptable to CCG in its sole discretion, in which case we will entertain bids up to the amount of such written commitment; or
2. The bidder has obtained from CCG written credit approval in advance of the scheduled public sale.
CCG reserves the right to bid at the sale. Contact Herb Oremo at (630) 718-4684 for additional information or to arrange an inspection of the Equipment.

LEGAL NOTICE

Historic District Board of Review Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: April 28, 2025, at 5:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Review of Applications
· Tom Pritchard – C. of A. to install a 14'x32' pre-built shed in backyard for use as a woodworking shop and to build a 20'x20' two-car garage on the west side of the home.
Location: 822 W. Third St. Zoned: R-8 Residential Medium Density (R-8)
· Janeen Wise – C. of A. to build a two-story addition with a garage and bedroom/utility room.
Location: 1014 W. First St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Robin Mingione – C. of A. to build a garage on the vacant lot adjacent to the house and replace and enclose rear second and third floor decks together.
Location: 1030 Park Ave. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Tom McPherson – C. of A. to remove rear addition and replace with deck, extending porch, moving stairs.
Location: 123 Jefferson St. Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)
· Tom McPherson – C. of A. to cover porch with roof.
Location: 901 W. First St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Floyd Mathis – C. of A. to replace wood window in kitchen with aluminum clad picture window.
Location: 757 Jefferson St. Zoned: R-8 Residential Medium Density (R-8)
· Angela Lobb – C. of A. to erect a replacement temporary utility shed on same site as the original.
Location: 213 Jefferson St. Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)
· Dale Nichols – C. of A. to add 7' of deck to accommodate camper and add view of river and street.
Location: 308 Vernon St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
· Glen Spencer – C. of A. to replace shed structure in rear.
Location: 313 East St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
D. New/Old Business
E. Staff Report
F. Adjournment
G. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 5:30 PM
For the purpose of hearing those who are for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.
This agenda is in DRAFT FORM. Open Door Law does not prohibit the public agency from changing or adding to its agenda during the meeting. City of Madison acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretative services, alternative audio/visual devices, etc.) for participation in or access to County sponsored public programs, services and/or meetings, the City requests that individuals make requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact ADA Coordinator at 812-265-8300.
BY ORDER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW
Brenna Haley, Historic Preservationist

LeBron first male pro athlete to have likeness depicted in a Ken doll

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Basketball great LeBron James has become the first professional male athlete to have his likeness depicted in a Ken doll.

Mattel Inc. unveiled the LeBron Ken doll on Wednesday to kick off the toy manufacturer’s “Ken-bassador” series. Last year, nine female athlete Barbies, including tennis star Venus Williams, were introduced.

“As a young kid, I was fortunate to have role models who not only inspired me but also showed me what’s possible through hard work and dedication,” James said. “Now, as an adult, I understand how vital it is for young people to have positive figures to look up to. That’s why partnering with Barbie to release the LeBron James Kenbassador doll is such an honor. It’s an opportunity to recognize the powerful impact of role models who instill confidence, inspire dreams, and show kids that they, too, can achieve greatness.”

The LeBron doll wears sunglasses, headphones and a blue-and-white letterman’s jacket with “LJ” on the left breast, his number 23 on the right sleeve and Ohio and crown patches on the other. His first name is on the back with “Just a kid from Akron” underneath. His T-shirt says “We Are Family,” a nod to the LeBron James Family Foundation. His blue shoes, of course, are Nikes.

The doll costs \$75 and goes on sale Monday.

In an Associated Press-produced video of James seeing the doll for the first time, the “King” expressed his approval, repeatedly calling the doll “dope,” another word for “cool.”

While looking it over, he put an “I Promise” wristband on the doll’s wrist and adjusted the strap on its fanny pack.

“OK, now we ready,” James said. “I mean, he might need to do a little lift-

ing. Legs look a little skinny. Little frailly little fellow. Nah, that’s dope.”



LEGAL NOTICE

SALE #24-049108
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of CIRCUIT Court of Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cause No. 78C01-2411-MF-000431, wherein New American Funding, LLC was Plaintiff, and Dustin Higgins, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 13th day of May, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. of said day at the Switzerland County Sheriff's Office, 405 Liberty St., Vevay, IN 47043, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Switzerland County, Indiana:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PART OF THE NW 1/2 SECTION 9, T3N, R3W, PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 11'24" W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 1,009.65 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE SET IN LEE ROAD AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 88 DEGREES 30'39" E 787.80 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N 89°21'47" E 519.60 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S 01°52'44" E 332.06 FEET TO A CORNER STONE FOUND IN PLACE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 05'24" W 531.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N 00°11'24" E 276.58 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S 80 DEGREES 05'24" W 787.61 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE SET IN THE WEST LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 AND LEE ROAD; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 11'24" E 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS TRACT CONTAINS 5.00 ACRES AND IS PART OF THE LAND OF ROBERT J KRAUS (DR 103,P. 299) AND WILL SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC USE OF THE PART OF LEE ROAD HEREIN INCLUDED. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND LEGAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.

State Parcel No. 78-08-09-200-003.005-005
More Commonly known as: 5032 Nell Lee Road, Bennington, IN 47011
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
All sales are subject to any first and prior liens, taxes and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon. Neither the Sheriff nor the Plaintiff in this case warrants either expressly or implied any title, location or legal description of any real estate sold at the sale. Any prospective bidder should obtain their own title evidence before making any bid on any properties subject to this sale.
DATE: March 7, 2025
/s/ C. Wesley Pagles
C. Wesley Pagles (37185-49)
LOGS Legal Group LLP
4805 Montgomery Road, Suite 320
Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 396-8100
Fax: (847) 627-8805
cwpagles@logs.com
Brian Morton,
Switzerland County Sheriff
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Public Works of the City of Madison, Indiana until 10:00 A.M. local time on the 1st day of May, 2025 in the City Clerk's Office 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250, for the construction of the following project:

CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA 2025-1 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT FUNDED STREET PAVING PROJECT
JTL JOB NO. 250057

This project includes milling, resurfacing, patching and base repair of asphalt and concrete streets, replacement of non-ADA compliant curb ramps and sidewalk, replacement of curb, pavement markings, road reconstruction and all other necessary items to result in a complete project.

At the hour of **10:00 A.M.** local time on the **1st day of May, 2025** all bids for this construction will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The bids shall be Unit Price for all work shown in the contract documents and specifications with unit prices for extras as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders in the specifications and submitted in duplicate on the State Board of Accounts Form No. 96. An executed State Board of Accounts Form 96a or similar document shall be required.

The bidder must file with their sealed bid proposal, a certified check or a bid bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the proposal, payable to the City of Madison. The above checks or bonds are to insure the execution of the contract on which such bids are made.

The Contractor to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish, before commencing work, a performance, maintenance and payment bond to extend for a period of one year after final acceptance, in an amount equal to the bid price of the contract awarded to said Contractor and Certificates of all Insurance as described in the Contract Documents.

As a requirement of the Community Crossings Grant funding utilized for this project, the prime contractor to whom the work is awarded must be prequalified with INDOT. Subcontractors can enter into subcontracts up to \$300,000 without being prequalified with INDOT; however, the subcontractor is limited to a total of \$300,000 in unearned work under contract on any given date with any owner, contractor, or other party.

The Contract Documents are on file for public inspection at City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250.

Electronic copies of these documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the office of Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, LLC, Consulting Engineers, 1829 East Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana, by payment of a non-refundable plan fee of Fifty (\$50.00) for each set of bid documents. Checks for the plan fee shall be made out to Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, LLC. The electronic documents will be provided by email in PDF format. Requests for bid documents shall be made to Lee Anne Johnson, leeanne.johnson@primeeng.com.

The Board of Public Works of the City of Madison, Indiana, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in bidding.

All sealed bids shall be turned in to the office of the City Clerk, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250. Bids shall be turned in no sooner than 9:00 a.m. and no later than 10:00 a.m. on the 1st day of May, 2025.

The Board of Public Works of the City of Madison, Indiana, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in bidding.

MADISON BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Mayor Bob Courtney



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
SS: COUNTY OF JEFFERSON CAUSE NUMBER: 39C01-2503-ES-000024

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED
BRUCE A. COOPER, DECEASED
Devon M. Sharpe, JENNER, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 307 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE A. COOPER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Crystal Weaver was, on the 24th day of March, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Bruce A. Cooper, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of October, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 24th day of March, 2025.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN (seal)



LEGAL NOTICE

SALE #24-049505
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of CIRCUIT Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2411-MF-001083, wherein Planet Home Lending, LLC was Plaintiff, and Jason R Bayne, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 22nd day of May, 2025, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. of said day, at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, 1150 JA Berry Ln., Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana:

LOT NUMBERED 38 IN COLLEGE HILL ADDITION IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA. SEE PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 84 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA.

State Parcel No. 009-00662-00
More Commonly known as: 2410 South College Hills Drive, Hanover, IN 47243

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

All sales are subject to any first and prior liens, taxes and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon. Neither the Sheriff nor the Plaintiff in this case warrants either expressly or implied any title, location or legal description of any real estate sold at the sale. Any prospective bidder should obtain their own title evidence before making any bid on any properties subject to this sale.

DATE: February 17, 2025
/s/ C. Wesley Pagles Ben Flint
C. Wesley Pagles (37185-49) Jefferson County Sheriff
LOGS Legal Group LLP
4805 Montgomery Road, Suite 320
Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 396-8100 Fax: (847) 627-8805
cwpagles@logs.com
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LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF MADISON STREET DEPARTMENT
MADISON, INDIANA
MADISON TRANSFER STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT
General Notice

City of Madison Street Department (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Madison Transfer Station Rehabilitation Project
JTL Project No. 24127

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Council Chambers in Madison City Hall** located at **101 W Main Street, Madison, IN 47250, until Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Demolition:

- approximately 770 SY of existing heavy duty concrete pavement (undetermined thickness) with trench drain.
- approximately 1,010 SY of existing asphalt pavement (undetermined thickness)
- approximately 165 SY of existing crushed stone pavement
- 8 steel columns and foundations
- 5 steel beams
- temporary structural shoring
- approximately 695 LF of existing chain link fence

Installation/Construction:

- approximately 760 SY of 8" heavy duty concrete pavement with 100' heavy duty trench drain and drain pipe
- approximately 1,145 SY of heavy-duty asphalt pavement
- Replacement of 8 steel columns (W6X20, W8X28, & W16X36) and concrete foundations
- Replacement of 5 steel beams (W10X39 & W6X25)
- approximately 925 LF of black vinyl chain link fence w/ privacy slats

Bid Alternates

- 20'x50' pre-engineered steel shelter with concrete foundations (actual building size to be determined by owner)
- 5' tall concrete wall 28' long built on top of an existing concrete retaining wall
- Existing Building Sheet Metal Roof and Siding Replacement

Miscellaneous

- Miscellaneous items necessary for construction of a complete project.

The bids shall be Unit Price for all work called for in the specifications with unit prices for extras as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders in the specifications and submitted in duplicate

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Madison Transfer Station Rehabilitation Project.**

The Madison Transfer Station Rehabilitation project is funded by the City of Madison and all relevant provisions will apply.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Electronic copies of these documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the office of Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 1829 East Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana, by payment of a non-refundable plan fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each set of bid documents. Checks for the plan fee shall be made out to Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, Inc. The electronic documents will be provided by email in PDF format.

Requests for bid documents shall be made to Lee Anne Johnson, leeanne.johnson@primeeng.com

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday April 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers in Madison City Hall, 101 W Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Jefferson Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2410-MF-000983, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and Skyler J. Bell and United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 22nd day of May, 2025, at the hour of 10 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Ln, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Being a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 11 East, Milton Township, Jefferson County, Indiana and part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 4 North, Range 11 East, Madison Township, Jefferson County, Indiana described as follows: Commencing at a steel T-bar set in concrete at the northwest corner of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 11 East, said T-bar being also at the northeast corner of Section 16, Township 4 North, Range 11 East; thence South 01° 12' 15" East (grid bearing relative to the Indiana State Plane Coordinate System - East Zone), 2284.54 feet with the section line to a point in the approximate center of Wolf Run County Road and the Actual Point of Beginning; thence with said road the following three courses: North 41° 30' 20" East, 124.32 feet; North 38° 26' 44" East, 138.00 feet; North 34° 16' 44" East, 97.00 feet to a steel nail in the center of said road over an existing culvert; thence leaving the road South 51° 48' 16" East, 70.76 feet with a ditch to a point in the center of Wolf Run Creek; thence up said creek the following three courses: South 34° 16' 44" West, 241.44 feet; South 16° 36' 44" West, 270.00 feet; South 54° 36' 44" West 180.00 feet to a point in the center of Wolf Run Creek; thence leaving the creek North 53° 54' 46" West, 161.23 feet (passing thru a steel T-bar on creek bank at 30.00 feet) to a re-bar set in the center of Wolf Run County Road, said re-bar being North 40° 10' 24" East, 109.64 feet from a steel nail set in center of said road over an existing culvert at a small branch; thence along the centerline of Wolf Run County Road the following three courses: North 45° 11' 44" East, 81.45 feet; North 42° 01' 44" East, 108.58 feet; North 41° 30' 20" East, 122.68 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.9185 acres of which 0.8270 acres lies in Section 16 in Madison Township, and 1.0915 acres lies in Section 15 in Milton Township. Subject to all easements and rights-of-way of record.

More commonly known as 4926 E Wolf Run Rd, Madison, IN 47250-9149
Parcel No. 39-09-16-000-014.000-006;
39-09-15-000-024.000-008

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
/s/ Matthew S. Love
MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 18762-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Points Blvd., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250 Ben Flint, Sheriff
(317) 237-2727 Madison Township

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

SERVICE DIRECTED TO:
Skyler J. Bell
4926 E. Wolf Run Rd.
Madison, IN 47250-9149
Service Type: Serve By Sheriff

NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.



LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jefferson County Superior Court in Cause No. 39D01-2410-MF-001018 wherein German American Bank, was Plaintiff, and Jeffrey S. Spicer and Debbie D. Spicer aka Debbie Lewis, Mariner Finance LLC and State of Indiana Department of Revenue were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of May, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Ln, Madison, IN 47250 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Being a part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, Lancaster Township, Jefferson County, Indiana and more particularly describes as follows: Commencing at a P.K. nail in the centerline of County Road 850 West marking the northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of said Section 29; thence south 00 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds west 2598.28 feet to a point; thence south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1395.69 feet to a P.K. nail in the centerline of County Road 750 North and the true point of beginning; thence with the centerline of said road south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 244. 73 feet to a P .K. nail; thence leaving the centerline of County Road 750 North and with the centerline of a creek the following five (5) courses: south 34 degrees 17 minutes 44 seconds west 18.24 feet; thence south 39 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds west 108.45 feet; thence south 16 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds west 115.84 feet; thence south 31 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds west 236.24 feet; thence south 32 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds west 158.40 feet; thence leaving the centerline of the creek north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 558.27 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar in a fence row; thence with the fence row north 00 degrees 48 minutes 58 seconds east 544.50 feet to the true point of beginning.

Containing 5.000 acres, more or less.

EXCEPT: Being a part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, Lancaster Township, Jefferson County, Indiana and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a P .K. nail in the centerline of County Road 850 West marking the northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of said Section 29; thence south 00 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds west 2598.28 feet to a point; thence south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1395.69 feet to a P.K. nail in the centerline of County Road 750 North; thence south 00 degrees 48 minutes 58 seconds west 317 .58 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar set, and the true point of beginning; thence continuing south 00 degrees 48 minutes 58 seconds west 172.92 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found; thence south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 558.27 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found; thence with the center of a creek the following two (2) courses: North 32 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds east 158.40 feet to a point; north 31 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds east 46.50 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 450. 79 feet to the true point of beginning passing thru a 5/8-inch rebar at 20.00 feet. Containing 2.0 acres, more or less.

ALSO, an easement 60 feet in width and described as follows: Commencing at the north quarter corner of section 29, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, thence south 00 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds west 2598.28 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1640.42 feet to a P.K. nail, and the point of beginning; thence south 34 degrees 17 minutes 44 seconds west 18.24 feet to a point; thence south 39 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds west 108.45 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees to a point; thence south 16 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds west 115.84 feet to a point; thence south 31 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds west 236.24 feet to a point; thence south 32 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds west 158.40 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 558.27 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found; thence with the center of a creek the following two (2) courses: North 32 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds east 158.40 feet to a point; north 31 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds east 46.50 feet to a point; thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east 450. 79 feet to the true point of beginning passing thru a 5/8-inch rebar at 20.00 feet. Containing 2.0 acres, more or less.

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Ben Flint
Sheriff of Jefferson County
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Rhonda S. Miller
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Now, a full 10 years-plus into competing while also teaching men's and women's gymnastics to beginners, Sharpe has learned

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39C01-2503-EU-000022

IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ESTATE OF
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
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IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF LARRY KEITH
GRAY, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that
Cynthia Carole Carter was, on
the 22nd day of March, 2025,
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Keith Gray, deceased, who
died on the 24th day of
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whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana,
this 22nd day of March, 2025.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen

Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Jefferson County, IN
(SEAL)



STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET
39C01-2503-EU-000023

IN THE MATTER OF THE
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ESTATE OF
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ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW
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March 22, 2025, appointed
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND
IN THE SWITZERLAND
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 78C01-2503-MI-
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IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Elijah Corey Don Batchelor
Name of Minor

Kathryn Batchelor
By Next Friend

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is hereby given that,
Kathryn Batchelor, Next
Friend of minor child, self-rep-
resented, filed a Verified Peti-
tion for Change of Name on
March 12, 2025 to change the
name of Elijah Corey Don
Batchelor to Elijah Christoph-
er Don Hankins.
The Petition is scheduled for
hearing in the Switzerland
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24, 2025 at 9:00am, which is
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By virtue of a certified copy of
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Together with rents, issues,
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said sale will be made without
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Plaintiff Attorney
ATTORNEY NO.
15-24-01239
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
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Ben Flint, Sheriff of
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